Keynsham Abbey.

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THE Abbey of the Blessed Mary of Keynsham was founded by William, earl of Gloucester, between 1167 and 1172 (about the year 1170, Tanner), in memory of his only son Robert, who died in 1166.1 In documents it is usually called the abbey of the Blessed Mary, but Tanner says that it was dedicated to B.V.M., St. Peter and St. Paul, and quotes Rymer, xiv, 629. It was of the order of St. Victor and of the rule of St. Augustine, as it is described in the "Acknowledgement of Supremacy" and in Bishop Ralph's Register, p. 581. The other monasteries in England of the same order were St. Augustine's Abbey (Bristol),2 Wormesley (Hereford), Wigmore (Hereford), Worspring (Somerset) and Stavordale (Somerset). The form of holding a General Chapter according to the manner of the order of St. Victor of Paris, is given in Fosbroke's British Monachism, 3rd edit., 1843, p. 164. It is said to be taken from the register of St. Augustine's, Bristol, in Berkeley Castle. MS. Cott. iv, 58, contains an account of a General Chapter of St. Victor, at Paris, circa 1220.

There is given in Wilkins' Concilia (iii, 684) an order dated

^{1. &}quot;The Little Red Book of Bristol," F. Bickley, contains a charter of privileges to Keynsham Abbey from the founder in a MS. of the XV century (ii, 216).

^{2.} Fuller's "Church History" (Brewer, 1845), book vi, 414.

Reg. Car. Booth Episcopi.

^{4.} Cott. MS. iv, 58, B.M.

22nd March, 1519, concerning the union and general chapter for all the Canons Regular of St. Augustine, in which the canons of St. Nicholas of Arras and of St. Victor are ordered to join the general chapter.

The abbot of Keynsham was evidently a great personage in his immediate neighbourhood. He was often appointed as collector of the clerical subsidies for the archdeaconry of Bath. Stow, in his *Chronicle* (sub anno, 1242), writes, "Elianor daughter to Geffrey Earle of Britaine and sister to Arthur ended her life prisoner in the Castle of Bristow, famished to death."

However this may be we find that eight years before her death, 31st July, 1234, the king granted to Eleanor his cousin nine cervi in his forest of Mendip and five capreoli in the thickets (brullis) of Keynsham,⁵ and the Patent Rolls (Aug. 12th, 1241) record that whereas Eleanor the king's kinswoman whom the king committed to the custody of John, son of Geoffrey, is dead, the king on hearing of her death sent to Bristol to make due and solemn obsequies for her and deliver her body for sepulchre at the priory of St. James, Bristol, by the abbots of St. Augustine's, Bristol, and Keynsham, and the priors of Bath and St. James, Bristol, in the presence of William de Putot, Mayor of Bristol, and other good men of Bristol.⁶

It may be noted here that in Stow's Chronicle a book called Liber Kensham is mentioned eight times, once, 56 Hen. III, where it records a great flood in the city of Canterbury, and seven times in the life of Edward I. These extracts all relate to general matters.

IRISH PROPERTY.

Keynsham Abbey was at one time possessed of a large property in Ireland, comprising many churches in the county

^{5.} Close Rolls 1231-34, p. 487.

^{6.} P.R., Hen. III, 1232-47, p. 256.

of Limerick. Of most of these Hubert de Burgo, bishop of Limerick, managed in 1237 to procure restitution.

The abbey, however, still retained the churches of Askeaton or Iniskefty and of Garth or Garthbiboys (now Ballingarry), both in the county of Limerick: but the unsettled state of Ireland made the tenure of this property very precarious. In 1337 we find that the abbey is in great poverty because they depend upon rents in Ireland.⁸

The invasion of Robert Bruce (1274-1329) gave the English government in Ireland a deadly blow, and its elaborate organization nearly collapsed. In May, 1315, his brother Edward Bruce, called king of Ireland, landed at Carrickfergus, and in 1317 Limerick was taken.

In 1336, owing to their being unable to get their rents from their Irish property, Walter de Rodney gives the abbot and convent of Keynsham the church of West Harptree.⁹

In 1381 William de Neweton, proctor of Keynsham abbey, undertook to satisfy the Crown as to the fines of Garth and Inskyfty rectories according to the survey of the extent of the same newly made. In 1395 the royal letters of Richard II confirm the abbot and convent in two parts of the same rectories "in order that they should keep the lands against the Irish rebels." 10

On the dissolution of the monasteries, the Irish rectories became impropriate to the Crown and in 1542 Askeaton was granted to Nicholas Fanning. King James, in 1603, granted to Sir R. Boyle, of Lismore, Knt., the churches of Ballengarie, Gare or Garrestown, Askeaton, Kilmachoe, Lismakyre and Eglishe O'Rossey part of the estate of the dissolved monastery of Keynsham—demised 18th January, 20 Eliz., to Hugh Lacye and Jordan Roche for twenty-one years at a rent

^{7. &}quot;Journal of Soc. of Antiq. of Ireland," vol. xxxiii, p. 29.

^{8.} Wells Cath. MSS. (1907), p. 238.

^{9.} Bp. Ralph's Register, 298.

^{10. &}quot;Journal of Soc. of Antiq. of Ireland," vol. xxxiv, pp. 112, 113.

of £8 (Irish), which the queen afterwards demised in reversion 12th August, 24 Eliz., to Gerald Aylmer, gent., for thirty years at said rent.¹¹

We insert here three notes respecting Garth and Askeaton. In 1295 Henry de Capella puts John le Blond and William le Porter against the abbot and convent of Keynsham of a plea of advowson of the church of del Garthe before the chief justiciar. 12

1411 I John xxiii.

8 Id. Feb. To the chancellor of Limerick. Mandate to colBologna. late and assign to Thomas Saleys, alias Cristour,
priest of the diocese of Limerick, if found fit in
Latin the still void perpetual vicarage, value not exceeding
12 marks, of Garthbiboys in the said diocese, as he doubts
whether his presentation, on its voidance by the death of
William [son] of Thomas Ymalcorkra by its ancient patrons
the Augustinian abbot and convent of St. Mary's, Keynsham in the diocese of Bath, to, and his institution by,
bishop Cornelius, hold good.¹³

1427 To the bishop of Alet (Aude, France) and the 4 Id. May chancellor and the treasurer of Limerick. Mandate to collate and assign to James Oleayn, priest of the diocese of Killaloe, the still void perpetual vicarage of Inyshefryny in the diocese of Limerick, value not exceeding 6 marks, to which, on its voidance by the resignation of Edmund Micadam to bishop Cornelius, he (who had received papal dispensation as the son of an unmarried man and an unmarried woman to be promoted as above fo. 21d). was presented by John Kyndton, rector of Ballingarry (de Villa orti), in the diocese of Limerick, specially empowered by the ancient patron William Augustinian abbot of Kynysan, in the diocese of Bath, and was instituted by the said bishop.

^{11.} Calendar Pat. Rolls (Ireland) I James I, lxviii, p. 12.

^{12.} Calendar Justiciary Rolls (Ireland), 1295-1303, p. 75.

^{13.} Papal Letters vi, 1404-15, p. 232.

He doubts whether the said presentation hold good. The collation is to be made whether the vicarage became void as stated or because Gillabertus Ykatyl held it for more than a year without being ordained priest or in any other way.¹⁴

Besides these advowsons in co. Limerick, the abbey possessed that of Dungarvan, co. Waterford, which was given to it by Thomas, earl of Desmond. The patent is dated 12th Sept., 1 Hen. V.¹⁵

In the Patent Rolls are many entries relating to the Irish property of which the following may be taken as examples.

June 15. and convent of Keynsham to reside in England, although they have possessions in Ireland. The said abbot may also send one of his canons to Ireland to act as proctor and govern the said possessions there; such proctor on his bearing and paying in the name of the said abbot and convent all subsidies and charges according to the annual value of the said possessions, in aid of the war against the Irish rebels and enemies as is done by other religious persons resident in the said land, may sell tithes, fruits, &c., arising from the said possessions and despatch the proceeds to the said abbot and convent in England, any ordinance concerning absentees notwithstanding. 16

1294 Protection with clause volumus for two years for Oct. 12. Nicholas, abbot of St. Mary's, Keynsham, staying in England, nominating Wm. de Spene and Richard Fykeys his attorneys in Ireland for two years. 17

Protection is an immunity granted by the king to a certain person to be free from suits at law for a certain time and for some reasonable cause.

^{14.} Papal Letters vii, 1417-31, p. 509.

^{15.} Rot. Pat. et Claus. Cancell. Hibernie Calendar, 1828, p. 204b, no. 37. See also Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, vol. xvi, 777 (23).

^{16.} P.R., Hen. VI, 1422-29, p. 104.

^{17.} P.R., Edw. I, 1292-1301, p. 98.

There are two sorts of these protections, one is cum clausa volumus and the other is cum clausa nolumus: the difference between these is explained in Jacob's Law Dictionary, under the word "Protection."

PATENT ROLLS.

The following are the most important extracts from the Patent Rolls relating to the monastery.

- 1226. William, son of Arthur, claimed the last presentation of the church of Clopton against the abbot of Keynsham (see S.R.S., vi, p. 62). 18
- 1232. William, son of Arthur and Hawysia his wife, claimed against Richard, abbot of Keynsham, concerning the last presentation of the chapel of Publow. ¹⁹ [1259. John St. Lo versus Peter, abbot of Keynsham, re advowson of Publow. S.R.S., vi, 182.]
- 1276. Letters Patent, dated at Keynsham, Sept. 17th and 18th, 1276.20
- Oct. 24. Commission of over and terminer to Walter de Heliun touching the appeal which Simon le White, of Bristelton, brings before the justices of the bench against Robert, abbot of Keynsham,

of mahem [mutilation, Ducange] and breach of the peace, the said abbot being too infirm to travel to answer the said Simon before the said justices, with mandate to the said justices to send to the said Walter the record and process of the said appeal as far as pertain to the person of the said abbot with the original writ and other things belonging to the case. By R[obert], bishop of Bath and Wells, the chancellor.²¹

^{18.} P.R., Hen. 1II, 1225-32, p. 154.

^{19.} Ibid, p. 520.

^{20.} P.R., Edw. I, 1272-81, pp. 161, 181.

^{21.} Ibid, p. 245.

May 25. Sham to enclose with a stone wall a several Westminster. pasture belonging to them near Keynsham, called Wynterleye, within the chace of Bristol,

and to make it a rabbit warren (conigeria).22 Association of Nicholas de Monte Forti in place of 1286 Richard de Heydon with Walter de Wimburn in a Oct. 23. commission to enquire whether the abbot of Keynsham was seized as of fee and in right of his church of St. Mary, K., of the fines for trespasses against the assign of bread and ale in the tithing of Saltford and the half tithing of Farnebergh as appurtenant to his hundred of Keynsham, or whether as the sheriff asserts and the abbot denies, Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, was formerly seized thereof, surrendered them to the king before Salomon de Roff and his fellows, justices last in eyre at Wylton, as being amongst the liberties which the said earl had subtracted from the king within the said hundred.23

1306 Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Nicholas June 15. de Chiltenham [Cheltenham] to the abbot and convent of Keynsham of four acres of meadow in Kaynesham.²⁴

July 15. Aumary, of Keynsham, to the abbot and convent of Keynsham of a messuage, 6 bovates of land, 10 acres of meadow, 5 acres of wood, a moiety of 50 acres of pasture and heath, 5s. of rent and divers rents of 1 lb. of pepper, 1 lb. of cumin and a gillyflower in Heghe Luttleton by Palton with the advowson of the church of that place.²⁵

^{22.} P.R., Edw. I, 1272-81, p. 371.

^{23.} P.R., Edw. I, 1281-92, p. 253. See also Hundred Rolls, temp. Hen. III and Edw. I, vol. ii, p. 136b (1818), and Placita de Quo Warranto, Edw. p. 690.

^{24.} P.R., Edw. I, 1301-7, p. 443. See also Inq. ad. q. d., part i, p. 84.

^{25.} P.R., Edw. II, 1307-13, p. 268, he is called Gilbert Amori the younger (Inq. ad. q. d., part i, p. 85).

The Amorys, of Keynsham, were a well-known family. Collinson (ii 320) says that temp., Hen. II, "Winford was held by Gilbert D'Amorie or De Aumari and that to him succeeded another Gilbert, Nicholas and Richard."

In 1337, 7 Kal. June, at Keynsham, Bishop Ralph relaxed the sentence of suspension put by his commissary on Sir Walter, chaplain of the parish of Keynsham, by reason of a clandestine marriage celebrated by the said Walter between Gilbert Ammerey and Christiana Underhulle in the parish church.²⁶

1313 Licence at the instance of Gilbert de Clare, earl of April 1. Gloucester and Hertford, for the abbot and convent of Keynsham to acquire in mortmain lands and rents of the value of 100s. a year.²⁷

May 6. and convent of Keynesham by John de Britton of a messuage and a carucate of land in Stokwode by Keynesham, co. Somerset, which is worth by the year 2 marks, as appears by an inquisition made by John Abel, escheator beyond Trent, and returned into the Chancery in exchange for a messuage and a carucate of land in Oldelonde, co. Gloucester, which is worth by the year 20s., as appears by the same inquisition, and also for 3s. of rent and a rent of a moiety of one pound of pepper in the same town to be granted to him of the abbot and convent in part satisfaction of a licence granted by the king to the same abbot and convent to acquire lands, tenements and rents to the value of 100s. a year.²⁸

Nov. 1. and convent of Keynesham by William Wolbod of a messuage and a virgate of land in Leghton²⁹; by

^{26.} Bishop Ralph's Register (S.R.S.) 305.

^{27.} P.R., Edw. II, 1307-13, p. 565.

^{28.} P.R., Edw. II, 1313-17, p. 114.

^{29.} In Cloford.

Peter atte Lane of a messuage and 10 acres of land in the same town; and by John Norreys of a messuage and 3 acres of land also in the same town which are of the fee of the abbot and are worth 15s. 4d. a year, according to their true value, as appears by an inquisition made by John Abel, escheator on this side Trent, in part satisfaction of a licence granted to the same abbot and convent to acquire lands, tenements and rents to the value of 100s. a year.³⁰

Jan. 4. of 2 messuages and 4 virgates of land, in Suthampton Stapelford, 31 held from the heirs of Hubert Huse, which are worth by the year 15s., as appears by an inquisition made by John Abel, escheator on this side Trent, in part satisfaction of a licence granted to them to acquire lands, &c., to the yearly value of 100s. 32

1317 Licence at the request of Hugh le Despenser the Nov. 5. younger for the abbot and convent of Keynsham, to acquire in mortmain lands or rents to the value of 10 marks a year.

By King, on the information of Master Thomas de Cherleton.³³

Jan. 5. Gilbert de Clare, sometime Earl of Gloucester Westminster. and Hertford, containing, for the good of his soul and the soul of Isabella his wife, divers confirmations and grants to the canons of the church of St. Mary, Keynesham; whereof the witnesses were Nicholas Poinz, the steward, Thomas Malemayns, William de Hobrugge, James de Wabadun, Roger de Clare, Thomas de Gravenel, Michael de Fossa, Robert de Petra Ponte, Roland

^{30.} P.R., Edw. II, 1313-17, p. 197, called William Wolbold in Inq. ad. q. d. Pt. i, p. 144.

^{31.} Stapleford, Wilts.

^{32.} Ibid, p. 206.

^{33.} P.R., Edw. II, 1317-21, p. 48

de Geneuray, Robert Sorel, Nicholas the chaplain of Spinevile, Guy, the chamberlain, and Wm. son of Walter de Bureford. (Mon. vi, pp. 452-3), by fine of 20s.³⁴

1321 Licence for the alienation in mortmain to the abbot Oct. 18. and convent of Keynsham by the abbot and convent of Dureford [in Rogate, Sussex] of 40s. of rent in Mapeldoreham and Winchester, in part satisfaction of 100s. of land and rent which they had licence to acquire. 35

1326 Licence for the alienation in mortmain to the abbot Feb. 4. and convent of Keynsham, in satisfaction of 60s. of the 10 marks yearly of land and rent which they have the king's licence to acquire, by William de la Grene of 4 messuages, 2 virgates of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 2s. of rent in Marsfeld co. Glos., not held in chief, of the value of 12s. yearly, as appears by inquisition made by John de Hampton, escheator in the counties of Gloucester, etc., and by the said William and Geoffrey le Leche of Keynesham, of 3 messuages, a carucate of land, 10 acres of meadow, 7 acres of pasture, and 7 acres of wood in Compton Dauno, co. Somerset, not held in chief of the value of 40s., as appears by inquisition made by John Everard, escheator

1329 Licence for the abbot and convent of Keynsham May 30. to appropriate the church of High Littleton, which is of their advowson.³⁷

1335 Bishop Ralph having allowed us to obtain the church Jan. 1. of High Littleton to be appropriated to us, we, Nicholas abbot of Keynsham and the convent of the same, bind ourselves for ever to say one collect with convenient prayers every day in the mass of the B.M. for

in the counties of Somerset, etc.36

^{34.} P.R., Edw. II, 1317-1321, p. 68.

^{35.} P.R., Edw. II, 1321-4, p. 29.

^{36.} P.R., Edw. II, 1324-7, p. 213; see also S.R.S., xii, 99, 172.

P.R., Edw. III, 1327-30, p. 397; Bath Cart., ii, 643; Wells Cath. MSS. (1907), p. 210.

the healthful state of the said bishop whilst alive, and for his soul after his death.³⁸

1330 Licence for the acquisition in mortmain by the Feb. 16. abbot and convent of Keynsham of land and rent not held in chief to the yearly value of 10 marks. By p.s.³⁹

1330 Licence for the alienation in mortmain by William Feb. 18. de la Grene and John de Bageworth of the manor of Westhanan, of the yearly value of £6 10s., as found by inquisition, to the abbot and convent of Keynsham, in full satisfaction of the licence to acquire land and rent to the yearly value of 10 marks lately granted to them. 40

April 14. Ursel of Fershagh to the abbot and convent of Keynsham, in part satisfaction of a licence from the late king for them to acquire land and rent to the yearly value of 10 marks, of a messuage, a virgate of land, and 2\frac{3}{4}d. of rent in Wynefeld [Winkfield, Wilts], which are held of the abbey by the yearly service of 6d., and which (exclusive of the rent) are of the yearly value of 10s., as appears by the inquisition. Witness: John de Eltham. 41

April 14. of Keynsham, who lately acquired in mortmain from William de la Grene and John de Baygeworth certain lands in la Beche, parcels of the manor of Hanam, held by the service of rendering to the prior and convent of Bath an ounce of gold as a relief on every change of heir or other tenant of the lands, as appears by an inquisition taken at the time, that they will pay to the prior and convent a relief of 13s. 4d. on every change or new creation of an

^{38.} Bp. Ralph's Reg., 254.

^{39.} P.R., Edw. III, 1327-30, p. 490.

^{40.} Ibid., p. 492.

^{41.} P.R., Edw. III, 1330-4, p. 100.

abbot in lieu of the aforesaid service. Witness: John de Eltham. By fine of ½ mark.42

1336 Inspeximus of letters patent, dated 5 Jan., 11 Edw.

Mar. 13. II, being an inspeximus and confirmation of a charter by Gilbert de Clare, sometime carl of Gloucester and Hertford, granting to the church of St. Mary, Keynsham, and the canons there, divers lands and liberties; and confirmation in mortmain to the abbot and convent of Keynsham of these and of other grants to them made, with the present king's licence, by Wm. de la Grene and John de Bageworth, of the manor of Westhanam, and by Wm. Ursel of Fershagh of a messuage, a virgate of land, and $2\frac{3}{4}d$. of rent in Wynefeld. [cf. Mon. vi, 452-3]. By fine of 5 marks.⁴³

1336 Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Walter May 24. de Rodeneye to the abbot and convent of Keynesham of the advowson of the church of Westharpetre, held in chief, as it is said, to find 2 chaplains to celebrate divine service daily in the chapel of St. Mary, Keynesham, for the soul of Edward III and the souls of his ancestors, and the souls of the said Walter and his ancestors; and for the appropriation of the church by the abbot and convent. By p.s.⁴⁴ 1337 Grant to the abbot and convent of Keynsham, on

Mar. 8. their petition that whereas the king by letters patent lately granted licence for the alienation in mortmain by Walter de Rodeneye to them of the advowson of the church of Westharpetre and for the appropriation of the church, he will not hereafter claim anything in the advowson of their abbey, which is of the patronage of the heirs of

the earl of Gloucester, or in the custody of the temporalities in time of voidance, by reason of the advowson of the said

^{42.} P.R., Edw. III, 1330-4, p. 104.

^{43.} P.R., Edw. III, 1334-8. p. 227.

^{44.} Ibid., p. 270; Bath Cart., ii, 778; Wells Cath. MSS. (1907), p. 238.

church, although it is held in chief, that the king or his heirs will not hereafter make any such claim.45

June 2. Rodeneye, knt., and William de Wedmor to the abbot and convent of Kaynesham, in satisfaction of 4 marks 10s. of the 10 marks yearly of land and rent which they had the licence of Edw. II to acquire, of a messuage, a carucate of land, 12 acres of meadow, 4 acres of wood, and 4s. of rent in Keynesham. It appears by inquisition taken by Ralph de Middelneye, escheator in the cos. Somerset, Dorset, Cornwall, and Devon, that the said messuage, lands, and wood are of the clear yearly value of 22s. 8d.46

June 22. for the alienation in mortmain by Walter de Rodeneye, knt., and Wm. de Wedmor, to the abbot and convent of Keynsham, of a messuage, carucate of land, 12 acres of meadow, 4 acres of wood, and 4s. of rent in Keynsham, to hold as of the yearly value of 4 marks 10s., in full satisfaction of the 10 marks yearly of land and rent which they had the licence of Edward II to acquire. The abbot and convent have now made petition to the king, showing that the said William died before the alienation had been completed, and praying that the said Walter may have licence to assign the premises to them as above, and the king has granted their prayer. 47

1346 Licence for 20s. to be paid to the king by the Nov. 20. abbot for the alienation in mortmain by Richd.

Gundewyne of Keynesham to the abbot and convent of Keynesham, of a messuage and 8 acres of land in Leghton, not held in chief, as by inquisition taken by Thomas Cary, escheator in the co. of Somerset, appears, to find a lamp burning day and night in honour of the Virgin Mary in the

^{45.} P.R., Edw. III, 1334-8. p. 387.

^{46.} P.R., Edw. III, 1338-40, p. 526.

^{47.} Ibid., p. 548.

chapel of the said Virgin in the abbey. And the 20s. has been paid in the hanaper. 48

1347 Licence in mortmain for 1 mark, which the abbot June 12. will pay to the king, for the abbot and convent of Keynesham to inclose for the enlargement of their dwelling-place a way in Keynesham, 40 perches long and 1 perch broad, provided that they cause another way of like dimensions to be made on their own soil for public use, and the said mark has been paid to the clerk of the hanaper.⁴⁹

1347 Promise to the abbot of Keynsham to repay at July 11. Michaelmas, 1348, 10 marks lent by him at the receipt of the exchequer towards the expedition of the war with France.⁵⁰

1347 Licence at the request of Thomas de Bradestan for July 20. the alienation in mortmain by Thomas de Lyouns of 20 acres of land and 4 acres of meadow in Whitchirch, co. Somerset, to a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in the chapel of St. Michael in Keynesham abbey. By K.⁵¹

1350 Brother John, abbot of Keynesham, staying in March 30. England has letters nominating Peter de Marsfeld, lay brother of the same house, and Richard de Luttelbury, of Donyngton, as his attorneys in Ireland for 2 years. Wm. de Newenham, clk, received the attorneys. 52

1377 Promise to the abbot of Keynsham who has lent the

Oct. 20. king 20 marks for the expedition over sea to repay the same within a year.⁵³

^{48.} P.R., Edw. 1II, 1345-8, p. 215.

^{49.} Ibid., p. 331.

^{50.} P.R., Edw. III, 1345-48, p. 338.

^{51.} Ibid., p. 547.

^{52.} P.R., Edw. III, 1348-50, p. 484.

P.R., Rich. II, 1377-81, p. 29 [9 in Index], and Rymer's "Fædera."
 vii, 178.

Nov. 8. the following tenements in Boreford [Burford, Oxon.], viz. a messuage, lately John Towe's, acquired by the abbot and convent of Keynsham without licence in mortmain and extended at 4s. a year, and 2 others, belonging to 2 outlaws for felony, named John Tursi and John Kyngton.⁵⁴

Licence for the acquisition in mortmain by the 1386 July 2. abbot and convent of Keynsham of lands and tenements to the yearly value of 10 marks, in compensation for their loss to that amount of tithes of corn and hav by the enclosure in the time of the late king of several arable lands, meadows and pastures within Eltham parish, adjoining the king's park of Eltham, for its enlargement, the parish church of Eltham being their appropriation. By p.s. 55 Licence for the alienation in mortmain by John Beket May 6. to the abbot and convent of Keynsham of an acre and a half of land in Button [Bitton], and 10s. of rent issuing from their manor of West Hannam, and by Robert Peytevin of 3 acres of land and 3s. 4d. of rent in Upton, with 12d. of rent issuing from a messuage of Robert Sigrym in Littelton not held in chief and of the following reversions in Upton, viz., a messuage, 211 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow held for life by Richard Pericot, a messuage and 21 acres of meadow held for life by Henry Freman, a messuage, 31 acres of land and an acre of meadow held for life by Robert Rede, a messuage, 10 acres of land and a rood of meadow held for life by Denise Snaylham, a messuage, 12 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow held for life by John Shepherd, 2 acres of land held for life by Wm. Freman, 1 acre of land held for life by Richard Man, 3 acres of land held for life by Henry Forthey, and in Mars-

^{54.} P.R., Rich. II, 1385-89, p. 71.

^{55.} Ibid., p. 187.

feld one messuage, 2 acres of land and $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of meadow held for life by Agnes atte Herbere by demise of the said Robert Peytevyn of the yearly value of 16s. 2d. as found by inquisitions of Thomas Walwayn and Richard Virgo, escheators in the counties of Gloucester and Somerset, respectively, in part satisfaction, viz., 6 marks of lands and rents to the value of 10 marks yearly, which they have licence of the king to acquire in mortmain.⁵⁶

1392 Licence for 20s. paid to the king by the abbot and Sept. 2. convent of Keynsham for the alienation in mortmain by Henry David, vicar of Clouford, and Richard Ambesleygh, chaplain, of 5s. of rent in Belweton not held in chief to the said abbot and convent, in aid of their maintenance.⁵⁷

1427 Pardon to Nicholas Asshely of Bristol, chaplain,
May 22. for not appearing before the king's justices
Westminster. when sued with Henry Spelby of Monkenfarley,
co. Wilts, chaplain, to answer Thomas, abbot
of Keynsham, touching a debt of £10.58

1461 Inspeximus and confirmation to the abbot and Nov. 29. convent of Keynsham of a charter dated at Welcomestowe, 28 Feb., 1 Edw. II, being a grant to them of a market weekly on Thursdays and a fair yearly at the Assumption at their manor of Kaynesham, co. Somerset. Witnesses: A., bishop of Durham; Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford and Essex; John de Britannia, Hugh le Despenser, Guy Frere the younger, John de Mark, Phillip de Vernay, and others. For 10s. paid in the hanaper. 59

June 21. vent of Keynsham of a charter dated at Westminster, 8 Nov., 50 Hen. III, confirming a grant to

^{56.} P.R., Rich. II, 1385-89, p. 300.

^{57.} P.R., Rich. II, 1391-96, p. 164.

^{58.} P.R., Hen. VI, 1422-29, p. 373.

^{59.} P.R., Edw. IV, 1461-67, p. 59.

them of a market weekly on Thursday and a fair yearly at St. Oswald at their manor of Mersfeld, previously made by him, provided that it be not to the injury of neighbouring markets and fairs.

Witnesses: Walter, bishop of Bath and Wells, Hugh le Bigod, Philip Basset, Roger de Mortuo Mari, Roger de Clyfford, Roger de Leyburn, Robert Waleraund, Wm. Belet, Ralph de Bakepuz, and others. For ½ a mark paid in the hanaper. 60

CLOSE ROLLS.

THE following are the most important extracts from the Close Rolls relating to the monastery.

1208. The abbey is vacant.61

- 1215. Jan. 15. Election, as abbot, of Richard, formerly chamberlain of the abbey.⁶²
- 1229. Sumerset. Hugo de Perers attornavit Laurentium de Sancto Mauro contra abbatem de Keynsham petentem de una virgata terre in Pebbelawe.⁶³
- 1230. Dors. Ricardus abbas de Keynsham attornavit Johannem de Keynsham versus Robertum Aumary et Johannam uxorem ejus de quarta parte manerii de Essemere [Ashmore, Dorset].⁶⁴
- 1230. Dors. Ricardus abbas de Keynsham attornavit Johannem de Keynsham contra Nicholaum Malemeins de manerio de Wimburn cum pertinentiis, excepto membro de Worth et contra abbatem de Binedon deforciantem de manerio de Worth cum pertinentiis.⁵⁵

^{60.} P.R., Edw. IV, 1461-67, p. 307.

^{61.} C.R., 1204-24 (1833), p. 107.

^{62.} Ibid., p. 187.

^{63.} C.R., Hen. III, 1227-31, p. 246.

^{64.} Ibid., pp 389, 390.

^{65.} Ibid., p. 392.

- 1230. Dors. Nicholaus Malemeins attornavit Robertum Malemeins et Radulfum Cotun contra abbatem de Keynsham petentem, de manerio de Uppingburn [Up wimborne] cum pert'.⁶⁶
- 1230, Dors. Nicholaus Malemeins attornavit Robertum personam de Hidle et Adam de Theye contra abbatem de Keynsham petentem, de manerio de Upwinburn.⁶⁷
- 1231. Glouc. Willelmus de Putot [mayor of Bristol 1241, p. 16] attornavit Robertum Joye contra Ricardum abbatem de Keynsham tenentem de xij acris terre et iij solidatis redditus et dimidie libre piperis in Upton et x acris terre in Audeland et x acris terre in Hann' et x acris terre et iiij acris prati in Betton.⁶⁸
- 1232. Glouc. Ricardus abbas de Keynsham attornavit Johannem de Keynsham et Rogerum de Winefeld contra Alvredum de Merefeld de consuetudinibus etc. in Merefeld.⁶⁹
- 1233 Pro abbate de Keynsham. Rex electioni facte de Sept. 7. fratre Johanne, priore de Keynsham in abbatem ejusdem loci vacantis et in manu regis existentis ratione custodie terre et heredis G. quondam comitis Glouc. et Hertf. regium adhibuit assensum et favorem Et mandatum est P. de Rivall quod ei de predicta abbatia que est in custodia sua per preceptum regis et de omnibus ad eam pertinentibus plenam saisinam habere faciat. Teste rege apud Bergeveny, 7 Sept.⁷⁰
- 1234 The king has granted to the abbot and convent of Jan. 17. Keynsham to have a market on their manor of Merssfeld, [co. Glos.] every week on Thursday, and a fair of 3 days on the vigil day and morrow of St. Oswald

^{66.} C.R., Hen. III, 1227-31, p. 393.

^{67.} Ibid., p. 396.

^{68.} Ibid., p. 596.

^{69.} C.R., Hen. III, 1231-34, p. 149.

^{70.} Ibid., p. 265.

the martyr, unless it be found to the detriment of neighbouring markets and fairs.⁷¹

1234 Because the king has learnt that the market at Aug. 16. Mersfeld, which the abbot of Keynsham held there, was hurtful to the market at Bristoll, the sheriff of Gloucester is ordered to forbid its being held.⁷²

1234 The king commands the sheriff of Somerset to Aug. 17. respite the payment of 100s., which sum the abbot paid the king as a fine for the market at Mersfeld. 73

1276. Sept. 17 and Sept. 18. Letters "close" dated at Keynesham.⁷⁴

Oct. 26. castle. Whereas the king learns by an inquisition that he caused to be taken when he was last at Bristol (i.e. on Sept. 22, 1276, see p. 310), that the abbot of Keynsham is entitled to fell trees in his wood of Filwood, which is in the king's chases of Kingeswod, for his use without view of the foresters or regardors, and that he and his predecessors were wont to make their profit thereof in this manner heretofore—the king orders the constable to permit the abbot to make his profit of the said wood in form aforesaid, provided that the king's deer (fere) may enter and leave the wood as they have been wont to do heretofore. 75

1276 Roger la Ware [the founder of the chapel of St. June 2. Anne in the wood] came before the king, on Thursday after Holy Trinity, and sought to replevy his land and that of John la Ware in Bristleton, which was taken into the king's hands for their default in the court of Gilbert de Clare of Bristol against the abbot of Keynsham.⁷⁶

^{71.} C.R., Hen. III, 1231-34, p. 369.

^{72.} Ibid., p. 499.

^{73.} Ibid., p. 502.

^{74.} C.R., Edw. I, 1272-9, p. 310.

^{75.} Ibid., p. 314.

^{76.} Ibid., p. 424.

Jan. 28. Whereas lately, by reason of the breaking of the park of the abbot and convent of Keynsham, the king's deer entered the park, and the king, after the deer had been taken by him, granted licence to the abbot and convent to enclose the park, and some of the king's hinds and other deer are within the park, the king granting to the abbot and convent any of his hinds or deer found in the park, orders the constable to permit the abbot to enclose his park and to have any such hinds and deer found therein."

1285 The abbot of Keynsham acknowledges for himself Feb. 12. and his successors that he owes Reymund de Rading parson of the church of Staunton Dru 60 marks, to be levied in default of payment of his lands and chattels.⁷⁸

Sept. 24. that they will admit into their house Gilbert le Braconer, who has long and faithfully served the king, and whom the king has caused to be sent to them, and that they will find him for life the necessaries of life according to the requirements of his estate. By K.79

1307 The abbots of Teukesbiry and Keynesham, the Oct. 15. priors of Walsingham, Angleseie, co. Camb. and Tunbrigg, acknowledge that they owe to *Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln*, £1,333 6s. 8d., to be levied in default of payment of their lands in cos. Gloucester, Norfolk, Cambridge, and Kent. Cancelled on payment.⁸⁰

June 25. abbots and priors) requesting the loan of various amounts of victuals for the king's Scotch expedition. 81

^{77.} C.R., Edw. I, 1279-88, p, 312.

^{78.} Ibid., p. 351.

^{79.} C.R., Edw. I, 1296-1302, p. 406.

^{80.} C.R., Edw. II, 1307-13, p. 42.

^{81.} Ibid., p. 266.

1313 To the abbot and convent of Keynsham. Request

Aug. 13. that they will lend the king 100 marks, in order to resist the threatened invasion of the Scotch marches by Robert de Brus and his adherents. 82

[Robert de Bruce (1274-1329) defeated Edw. II at Bannockburn on June 24, 1314].

June 26. Subsidy in aid of the expenses incurred for the marriage of the king's sister Eleanor to Reginald count of Guelders.⁸³

1333 To R. bishop of Bath and Wells, order to send to July 6. York to be delivered to the abbot of St. Mary's there (whom the king has appointed receiver) the £40 which he has granted the king in aid of the expenses of his sister's marriage.

The like to the following: the abbot of Keynesham and 53 other abbots for various sums. [Rymer's Fædera (Rolls Series), 270].

1334 Letter to abbots and priors about the invasion of Nov. 11. the Scots and asking for a subsidy.⁸⁵

1341 Abbot of Keynsham collector of the tenth in co. Jan. 21. Somerset (amount £350).86

1341 Subsidy of the ninth.

June 14. £300 collected by abbot of Keynsham in diocese of Bath and Wells.⁸⁷

1347 [1327 by error in Calendar].

April 8. War with France, loan of wool asked for.88

1397 [21 Rich. II]. The prior of Taunton is certified to have

^{82.} C.R., Edw. II, 1313-18, p. 69.

^{83.} C.R., Edw. III, 1330-33, p. 592.

^{84.} C.R., Edw. III, 1333-37, p. 127.

^{85.} Ibid., p. 356.

^{86.} C.R., Edw. III, 1339-41, p. 611.

^{87.} C.R., Edw. III, 1341-43, p. 171.

^{88.} C.R., Edw. III, 1346-49, p. 264.

lent the king 50 marcs. At the same time the abbots of Sherborne and Keynsham lent 40 marcs each. Rymer's Fædera, viii, 12.

We bring together here some miscellaneous documents arranged in order of date.

- 1248. Plea of Maurice de Salso Marisco and Joan his wife against servants of the abbot of Keynsham for throwing down a weir in *Bitton*.
- Maurice de Salso Marisco and Joan his wife offered themselves on the 4th day against Eborard, chamberlain of the abbot of Keynsham, Jordan, lay brother of the abbot, William the cook, Nicholas Tunesende, William Wildrigal, Walter Kene, Henry the fisherman, Adam Gent, Nigel the fisherman, Simon the baker, Adam of the Brewhouse (de la Bracerie), John Lacy, Robert de Budicumb, Adam del Ostel, John Brun, Peter Hunderhil, Andrew de Fonte, Richard le Messer, Richard Criket, Ranulph the reeve, Robert Oldefel, Luke the tailor (cissorem), and Richard le Blund on a plea why, by force and arms, they threw down a certain weir (gurgitem) in Bicton, to the injury of the free tenement of Maurice and Joan in the said vill, and wounded certain of their men against the peace of our lord the king, Eborard and the others do not come. They were attached by Payn de Meresfeld, Alvred de Meresfeld, William de Hokford, and Adam de la Dune.

Judgment: let them be put under better pledges that they be at Ivelcester in the first assize, &c. And the first [pledges], etc.⁸⁹

Hundred of Keynsham.

8 Edw. 1. The abbot of Keynsham was summoned before Salomon de Roff at the king's court of Somerton to shew by

^{89.} S.R.S., xi, no. 1355.

what right he held the Hundred of Keynsham. The abbot pleads that he has long held it: William de Gyselham claims it for the king. The jurors, however, afterwards come to Winchester and find that the abbot's claim is a right one.³⁰

Additional Charter B.M. 15' 205.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus Adam di gratia abbas de Keynesham et eiusdem loci canonici eternam in Deo Salutem. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu dedisse, &c. Ricardo de Mangodesfeld burgensi Bristoll et heredibus suis totam illam terram cum edificiis, &c., in suburbia Bristoll in vico qui dicitur le Market inter terram Tho. de Weston ex parte una et terram hospital Sci Barthol. Bristol ex altera parte habend, &c., at a rent of 2s. a year, 6d. at every quarter.

Test.: Symone Adrian, Ric. Orpario juniore tunc Ballivis Bristoll, Waltero le Fraunceys, Everardo le Fraunceys, Johe clerico, Tho. de Sco Albano, Henr. de Syston [Siston, co. Glos.], Henr de Waleys, Rico de Lychesfeld, Johe de Dene, Tho. de rubea terra [Redland, co. Glos.], Will le Hore, Johe Dodde.

N.B.—The date of this document is Edw. I. It gives an abbot, Adam, who comes between 1277 and 1294.

1324. Appropriation by John, bishop of Bath and Wells, to Nicholas, abbot of Keynesham and the convent of the order of St. Augustine, founded by William, earl of Gloucester, of the parish church of High Littelton, whereof they are patrons, in consideration of their loss by fraud and oppression of great tithes at Stoke in the parish of Chew, assigned to them at the foundation of their house, also (by default of their trusted counsel, by their simplicity, and by the lordship of the then archbishop their adversary therein) of 12 marks yearly pension from the church of Bradestede

^{90.} Placita de Quo. Warranto, Edw. I, II, III (1818), p. 690.

[Brasted] in Canterbury diocese, anciently granted to augment their hitchen, and damage by mortality of cattle, barrenness of lands and floods of waters; reserving to the archdeacon of Bath a yearly procuration of 10s. at his visitation, to the church of Wells a yearly rent of 5s. at Midsummer in recompense for the loss of vacancies, and saving to the bishop and his successors power to appoint a vicarage, the said abbot and convent to present, also the bishop's rights and those of the churches of Bath and Wells. Dat. Wells, vi Non. March, 1324.91

37 Edw. III, no. 68. The king grants to John de Mershton that he should give one messuage and land in Filton to the abbot and convent of Keynsham and their successors for ever and that the said lands are held of Thomas Lyours by service of 1d. per annum.⁹²

There are other inquisitions relating to Keynsham but the substance of them is found in the Patent Rolls and elsewhere, so it has not been thought necessary to quote them.

Inquisition of Thomas, abbot of Keynsham.93

Somerset. Taken at Yevelchestre, 2 Nov., 2 Hen. VII (1486), before Wm. Case, escheator.

Jury: John Bonnvile, Wm. Ryme, John Forte, John Chafy, Wm. Balahamp, Nich. Rol.., Thomas Estmond, Wm. Oxeley, Wm. Sprytt, Henry Bone, John Wylly and Wm. Knowells.

Thomas, formerly abbot of the mony of Keynsham (the next predecessor of John, now abbot), deceased, held no lands of the king but held in demesne, as of fee in right of the mon. of Keynsham, the inhundred and outhundred and towns of Charlton, Chewton, Stokewode, Stoketone, Fylton

^{91.} Wells Cath. MSS. (1907), p. 210.

^{92.} Inq. ad quod dampnum [Rawlinson MS., Bodl. Library, B. 413].

^{93.} Inq. p.m., Exchequer series ii, file 889, no. 9. I am indebted to Mr. E. A. Fry for this document.

and Brystylton, wh. are members of the s^d mon. of Keynsham, and the manors of Wynfelde, Prastham and Wytham, and ½ the m^r of Brystylton and 2 mess. and 2 hides of land in Henton Bluet and 4 mess. and 1 hide in Holcombe, 11 mess and 11 hides in Leythton and the rectory of Clowforde, wh. manors, lands and rectory they held of Jasper Lord Bedford and Katrina his wife and in right of said Katherine as of their honour of Tonnebrygge in co. Kent, parcel of the honour of Gloncester, founders of the s^d mon^r, in free pure and perpetual alms. Lastly they say that s^d Thomas the late abbot died 5th Sept., 1486, and that the s^d John, now abbot, was elected by licence of s^d Jasper and Katherine. 94

Chancery Proceedings.

Early Chancery Proceedings. Bundle 41, No. 30 [1I, p. 36], date 1467-72, or perhaps 1433-43.

Tho. Davy versus Thomas, abbot of Keynsham, re ejectment from a copyhold tenement in the manor of Keynsham.

Proceedings in Chancery, Queen Elizabeth, p. 242.

Johan Myller versus John Poole and John Goslat.

This suit appears to relate to lands holden of the manor of Keynsham in the county of Somerset, which manor, in one of the answers, is stated to have been the estate of Queen Katharine for her life, and the other answers state it to be held by Sir Wm. Saint Loo, knt., for a term of years.

^{94.} Jasper Tudor, Earl of Pembroke, son of Owen Tudor by Katherine, Queen dowager of Hen. V, created duke of Bedford on the accession of his nephew, Hen. VII, in 1485. On his death in 1495 dukedom became extinct. Will, S.R.S., xvi, 327.

Monumental Slabs dug up at Keynsham.

[Proc. Soc. of Antiq., 1871, 2nd Series, v, 81-84].

"Isabel de Pendelsford Gyst ici Deu del alme eit merci Amen Pater et Ave."

"Hic Jacit Walterus Joie [or Joce]
Canonicus nuper custos capelle Sancte
Anne in the wode
Cujus anime propicietur Altissimus. Amen."

"In Marshfield natus Grant abbas ecce Johannes,
. . . . t hic sub pulvere pres
obiit 14 Kalend Marcii A. Domini 1499."

"Iesu miserere Eleanor Deschell Quondam consortis Johannis Deschell cujus corpus hic requiescit anno Dom ini MCCCCC. Iesu fili dei miserere mei, Amen."

Seals.

I.

3345 [A.D. 1269] Dark green: small fragment of fine impression [Add. ch. 15,205].

O. Pointed oval, the Virgin seated, her feet on a platform. In base a bridge of round-headed arcading. Legend destroyed.

R. Pointed oval counterseal. Apparently a double niche with winged figure in the r.h. niche, probably the Annunciation. In base, under an arch, a bearded man crouching, to the left.

II.95

3346 [late 14 cent.] Sulph. cast from chipped impression 2\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{5}{2} \times 1.5 \times 6.6 \text{]}.

95. This seal is figured in S.A.S., vol. LI.

Pointed oval, the Virgin, standing in a canopied niche with crown, the Child on her r. arm, in her l.b. a sceptre fleur de lizé. In two side niches, slightly smaller, on the l. St. Peter with nimbus and keys, on the r. St. Paul with nimbus and sword. In base, under a four-centred trefoiled arch, with masonry at the sides, a shield of arms: 6 rests or clarions, Keynsham Abbey.

SIGILLUM COMMUNE MONASTERII TE MARIE DE KEYNESHAM.

Dugdale, Mon. Ang., vi, p. 452 (described but not figured).

Adam, Abbat.

3347 [A.D. 1269] Tark green: fine, very much chipped. About 2 x 14in. when perfect [Add. ch. 15,205].

Pointed oval, the Abbat standing under a carved canopy, with trefoiled arch supported on slender shafts, in the r.h. a book, in the l.h. [a pastoral staff]. In the field on each side a wavy scroll of foliage . . BBAT MARIE DE KEYNE.

Catalogue of Seals in B.M., vol. i, pp. 599, 600.

The Vicarage of Keynsham.

1308. Inspeximus by Robert, prior of Bath, of a charter by Walter, bishop of Bath and Wells, confirming to the monastery of Keynsham, the vicarage of the church of Keynsham, of which Thomas de Shawebyr' was then vicar, also the four chapels of Cherleton, Povelewe, Fylton, and Brystelton, with the dwelling-houses for the chaplains serving there. The vicar of Keynsham to receive the lesser tithes, except those coming from the demesne of the said monastery, except also the oblations coming to the chapel of Cherleton on St. Margaret's day and 3 days before and after, and except the oblations at the Oratory of

^{96.} This date should be circa 1280. See list of abbots.

Nywewyk built within the parish of Keynsham, The vicar to have every Sunday a bushel of corn, and another bushel for making consecrated bread and distributing amongst the parishioners of the mother church of Keynsham at the feast of Easter, and two bushels for making the consecrated bread and for the parishioners of the said four chaplains at the feast of Easter. The same vicar to have two cartloads of hay, one at Keynsham from the meadow called la Hamme, and the other at Fylton, and two cart. loads of firewood. The vicar also to have in exchange for two acres, which were formerly held by the chaplain of Fylton, the cultivated land extending from the land of John Smalecomb to the land of Richard Cocus, and from the road to Fylton to the meadow called Stobbesmede, with an acre of arable land, called Garlaundesacre, which extends from the land of Adam de la Nupighate to the land of Gilbert Aumery the younger, and from the land of Roger Bolling to the road next the park. The said monks (sic) of Keynsham to provide for the refectory and the repair of the chancels, ornaments, and books in the said mother church and chapels. They shall also pay the procurations of the archdeacon yearly as accustomed in times past. The sacristan of Keynsham to minister the bread and wine to the vicar and his assistants celebrating divine service in the parish church of Keynsham.

Dated at Chyu 4 Kal. Apr. 1308. Date of Inspex. 4 Id Maii, 1308.97

1395. The Papal Letters (iv, 1362-1404, p. 524) contain petition, dated St. Peter's, Rome, 12 Kal. Aug., 1395, of the Augustinian abbot and convent of Keynesham in the diocese of Wells, that on the resignation or death of the perpetual vicar of the parish church of Keynesham, which is contiguous and appropriated to the monastery, they may

^{97.} S.R.S., vii, ii, 629.

cause the church to be served by one of their canons or by any secular priest, removable at their sole pleasure, the bishop's dues, etc., being paid by them. The value of the vicarage is 40 marks, that of the monastery 250.

1405. Composition between Thomas, abbot of Keynesham, and John Jenys, vicar of Keynesham (S.R.S., xiii, 46).

Rectory of Winkfield (Wilts).

The Institutions to Wiltshire benefices, printed by Sir T. Phillips, give seventeen institutions to this rectory, usually spelt Wynefeld, by the abbot and convent of Keynsham, beginning in 1313 with Thomas Shaweburi, rector, and ending in 1529 with Philip Milton. In 1549 Edward VI presents Elfrith Wellingford alias Seyre.

As it was a rectory, the monastery apparently made nothing out of the benefice, at any rate it is not mentioned among the list of their possessions. See p. 63.

The Chapel of St. Anne in the Wood.

In St. Anne's wood near the Avon, in the parish of Brislington, is the ruined well and chapel of St. Anne, formerly a noted place of pilgrimage: a ferry which still exists formerly conveyed pilgrims across the Avon. The chapel dates back from the end of the XIII century, and was founded by Roger, 1st Lord De la Warre.

Collinson (ii, 413) says that the chapel was 57 feet in length and 15 in breadth, and that there were 19 buttresses about it, the height of it from the ground to the covering of the arched vault was 80 feet. The place where it stood is opposite Crew's Hole in the parish of St. George in Gloucestershire, from which it is divided by the Avon.

Henry VII, says Leland (Collectanea, iv, 185), in 1486 rode from Bristol on pilgrimage to St. Anne in the Wood. Also Henry VII and his queen, Elizabeth of York, on

Aug. 22, 1502, paid their devotions here, the latter making an offering of 2s. 6d.

On May 9, 1508, Edward Duke of Buckingham, patron of Keynsham abbey, made, with his duchess and his daughter, an offering at the same shrine.

"My Lord's and my young Lady's oblation to St. Anne in the wood 7s. 4d."98

Two of the monumental slabs dug up at Keynsham refer to this chapel. See p. 40.

Thomas Chokke, the elder, of Stanton Drew, who made his will 28 July, 1487, bequeathed 6s. 8d. to "St. Anne." 39

"A two miles above Bristow was a common Trajectus by Bote, wher was a chapelle of St. Anne and here was great pilgrimage to St. Anne" (*Bristol Past and Present*, Nicholls and Taylor, ii, 124).

1550. The king granted the manor and hundred of Keynsham, Filton, Whitchurch, Charlton, and Chewton Keynsham, the rectory and church of Brislington, the chapel of St. Anne at Brislington, and the chapel of the manor of Keynsham, and all tithes, to Sir John St. Loe, knt., for 50 years. (Collinson, ii, 403).

The site of St. Anne's chapel is still pointed out by cottagers.

EPISCOPAL VISITATIONS.

1333. On the day following the Monday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross [Sept. 14] Bishop Ralph held a visitation at Keynsham Abbey.

Letter to the abbot: "When lately exercising the office of our visitation in your monastery in right of our diocese we found that sufficient clothing was not supplied to the canons and brothers of the said monastery. This to be attended to before Christmas. Dated Blakford [Oct.], 1333. Reg. 153-4."

^{98. &}quot;Bristol," by J. Taylor, p. 124.

^{99.} S.R.S., xvi, 269n.

1348. A visitation was held in the Summer of this year, Reg. 605 [no. 2327]. Bishop Ralph orders that the doors of the church should be more carefully guarded. Secular persons not to be present at meals. The porter of the outer gate ordered to let no one in or out after the hour of compline. The kitchen accounts to be rendered weekly. Canons keeping sporting dogs inside the monastery to be punished by being deprived of meat for a month and of fish for a fortnight. Tenements of the monastery not to be let on a perpetual lease. John de Wamberge, removed from the office of chamberlain, to be immediately replaced by a more prudent canon.

1352. vij Kal. Feb. The Bishop to the abbot and canons of Keynsham.

Visitatio die jovis proximo post festum S. Martini. It was discovered that neither the abbot nor other obedientiaries holding offices in the said monastery nor conversi holding administration in the Tannery, Smithy, Home Farm and (?) Vineyard (in Tannar' Fabrie', Berton' et Wyneffr') had rendered any accounts from the year in which the pestilence raged in these parts [1348-9]. Also that the doorkeepers are so remiss that laymen and women are suffered to enter the monastery; silence is not observed by the canons, accounts are to be furnished before Easter; during the days of the anniversary of Gilbert, late earl of Gloucester, founder of the said monastery, and on the anniversary of every abbot and canon of the same, one loaf, one gallon of ale, and one dish from the kitchen of the almonry of the said monastery, used to be distributed to the poor, this has from a certain time ceased: the two parts of the convent never dine together in the refectory; the chamberlain that now is has retained for some time xli left to the monastery for the celebration of certain anniversaries, the bread is not good but inferior, these things are all to be remedied. The charters and muniments of the said monastery

are to be placed in a chest having three keys, one of which is to be kept by the abbot and the other two by the subprior, John Wamberge, canon, and their successors. The canons are not to play at dice with the laity.

John Tankard, Robert Grindere and John Twynere, shepherds of the monastery, and Edmund, servant of the chamberlain, are accused of taking bread and selling it outside the monastery, the abbot is to look into this and if they are found guilty they are to be dismissed.

We order that the chantry for the soul of John Santmareys your benefactor, lately deceased, shall be completed.

We order that John Golynge, lately servant in your infirmary, and other some other persons whom for certain reasons we removed for their offices at our visitation, be actually and really removed from them.

Dated at Banwell, vij Kal., Feb., 1352.

- 1447. July 3. Visitacio mon de Keynesham super rumores excessuum inter eos, homicidiam voluntar', mutilacionem, perjur' et aliorum horrendorum facinerum (Harl. MS., 6966).
- 1455. Among other injunctions given by the bishop to the abbot of Keynsham it is ordered that the said abbot shall not allow any of his canons to sell wine at public fairs or markets or elsewhere in his own person under a penalty of 20^s (Harl. MS. 6966, fol. 38).
- 1494. On the last day of January, 1494, the said commissary in the chapter-house of the monastery of Keynsham, sitting judicially in behalf of the most reverend father, Sir John Gylmyn and all the canons humbly came and submitted themselves to his direction, and the visitation was dissolved (Abp. Morton's Reg. Lambeth, fol. 137).

LEASES.

Rawlinson MS., B. 419, Bodleian Library, contains the following leases relating to Keynsham Abbey.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society the sum of

(free of Legacy duty). And I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Society shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I give to the Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society (free of Legacy Duty)*

wheresoever situate, belonging to me at the time of my decease, for the benefit of the said Society. And I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Society shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

*Antiquities or other objects. 1538. John Panter generosus for the whole grange in Keynsham for term of 80 years.

Dated in the chapter-house 1 Sept., 1538 (fol. 103).

[John was abbot.]

- 1534. Patent of John Panter for the office of sub-seneschall for term of his life, 14 March, 1534. (fol. 105).
 - [The site of the monastery was granted to him, 5 June, 1544. Letters and Papers Hen. VIII, xix, i, p. 646].
- 1538. Patent of Wm. Panter sen^r and of Wm. Panter his son for the office of bailiff of the hundred of Keynsham, dated 1 Feb., 1538. (fol. 106).
- 1538. Indenture of Robert Stafford of Bristilton, yeman, pro les cosyns lease (a close so called) and a wood and of the chapel of St. Anne in the same parish of Bristilton, dated 30 June, 1538. (fol. 107).
- 1528. Indenture of Richard Trewbody sen^r for a mill in Hanham, dated 20 Feb., 1528. (fol. 108).
- 1538. Indenture of Thomas Olyver, baker, of Bristol, for 1 tenement in Bristol situated super le Back.

Dated 27 Aug., 1538. (fol. 109).

1512. Indenture of John Hoggs and Prima [pma] his wife for the rectory of Litylton and their capital mansion of Litylton, dated 19 Apr., 1512. (fol. 110).

[William the abbot.]

The church of High Littleton was appropriated to the monastery, 4 Edw. II, Harl. MS., 6964, p. 91, Dugdale.

1494. Indenture of Henry Rede for the grange of the manor of Compton, dated 8 Oct., 1494. (fol. 111).

[John was abbot.]

1534. Indenture of Thomas West and Thomas his brother, sons of Robert West of Stockwood for reversion of the grange of Stockwood, dated 1534. (fol. 113).

- 1536. Indenture of William Leman, of Keynsham, for 2 fulling mills in Keynsham called Avonmyll and Southmyll, dated 29 July, 1536. (fol. 114).
- 1528. Indenture of Thomas Whippey, son of Richard Whippey, of Filton, and Joan his wife and their assigns for a tenement and tithes of grain and hay called sheff and strow tethyng of the rectory of Keynsham at Filton, alias Whitchurche, dated 20 March, 1528. (fol. 115).
- 1516. Indenture of Ambros Skelton "generosus" and Elizabeth his wife for the manor of Hanham, called hanams court.
 [William, abbot]. Dated 24 Sept. 1516. (fol. 116).
- 1533. Indenture of John Webbe, of Bristow, mylward, for the "firm" of three grist mills called Avyn mill, Downe mill and South myll.

[John Sturton, abbot]. Dated 28 Feb., 1533. (fol. 117).

1511. Indenture of John Lylywhite, clerk, for the small tithes of our chapel of St. George in Filton and of our chapel of St. Margaret in Charlton.

[Wm. Rollff, abbot.] Dated 19 Dec., 1511. (fol. 119).

1531. Indenture of Robert Bede, clerk, for our chapel of St. Luke the Evangelist in Bristilton with the mansion there called prests howse and the smale tithes.

Dated 11 Dec. 1531. (fol. 119b).

1496. Letters patent for John Sponley for the office of cellarer with 20s. and one gown of our livery.

[John, abbot.] Dated 26 Nov., 1496 (fol. 120).

1537. Letters patent for John Sponley for the office of bailiff of Hanham 40s. and for the office of woodward of Filwood 13s. 4d. Dated 10 May, 1537. (fol. 120). [Add. MS., 24, 787, B.M., contains a "computus" of John Spanley, bailiff of Hanham, dated 12 Hen. VIII].

1528. We grant to Wm. Appowell, of Bristol, merchant, an annuity of 36s. 8d. out of our manor of Keynsham.

[John, abbot.] Dated 20 May, 1528. (fol. 123).

1487. Indenture of Nicholas Lemman and Isabel his first wife for a tenement and 3 fulling mills formerly held by John Dayshell and Alice his wife.

[John, abbot.] Dated 5th Sept., 1487. (fol. 125). [For monument of Eleanor Deschell, see page 40].

No date. Indenture of Thomas Horner of Melles, "armiger," for all lands in Chewton near Keynsham, for 90 years.

(fol. 127).

- 1533. Indenture of Joan Tybbett, widow, and Wm. Tybbett her son for one tenement in Bristilton and certain lands in Fylton.

 Dated 6 Feb., 1533. (fol. 129).
- 1531. Indenture of Thomas Bayly, of Trowbridge, clothman for the rectory of Burford.

[John Stourton, abbot.] Dated 6 May, 1531. (fol. 131).

1537. John, abbot, sold for £8 to Lady Cycill Berkley our woode callyd bollyngbache, alias bollyngham bache.

Dated 8 Dec., 1537. (fol. 133).

[Thomas Lord Berkeley died 22 Jan., 24 Hen. VIII, he left a legacy to the repair of Keynsham bridge. Letters and Papers Hen. VIII, vi, p. 27.]

1526. Indenture of Wm. Holbroke and Isabel his wife for one fulling mill at Keynsham, called Avynmyll and Southmyll, with the mancion there.

[John, abbot.] Dated 22 Sept., 1526. (fol. 134).

1521. We grant to Thomas Gay, Richard Hycks, Thomas Liliwhyte and Thomas Whyppey a certain house called Browns house, situate in Whitchurch.

Dated 4 Aug., 1521. (fol. 136).

- 1538. Richard Morgan, the "firm" of Holcombe, formerly in the hands of Richard Uppaul, Isabel his wife and John their son.

 Dated 7 Oct., 1538. (fol. 137).
- 1533. Indenture of John Danyell, of Brystelton, for the firm of the rectory of Bristilton.

[J. Storton, abbot.] Dated 3 May, 1533. (fol. 139).

1528. Charlton licensed as a burial place.

Dated 3 Sept., 1528. (fol. 141).

The Dissolution.

The abbey was valued, 26 Hen. VIII, at £419 14s. 3d. (Dugdale), £450 3s. 6d. (Speed), and was granted, 6 Edw. VI, to Thomas Bridges, Esquire. It was dissolved by Dr. Tregonwell on Jan. 23, 1539. 100

The abbot, John Stourton, received a pension of £60, and the eleven canons pensions of various amounts (see p. 59).

"For eleven weeks," writes Dr. Gasquet, 101 "the commissioners wandered about Somerset, defacing, destroying, and prostrating the churches, cloisters, belfreys, and other buildings of the late monasteries."

At Keynesham £12 was paid to Richard Walker, plumber, for melting the lead on church, cloister, and steeple.

The same account 102 also contains the following:

Keynsham. Received £72 7s. 6d. from Francis Edwards, price of 7 bells weighing 96½ cwt. at the rate of 15s. per cwt. (centena), and £11 for a certain superfluous building, £83 7s. 6d., sold to the same Francis by Thomas Arundell, mil, receiver of the king there.

^{100.} Rymer, xiv, 629. Dixon's "History of the Church of England," ii, 115.

^{101. &}quot;Henry VIII and the English Monasteries," ii, 426.

^{102.} R.O. Exch. Augt. Off. Mins. a/cs. 30-31 Hen. VIII, 224 m. 17, which has been carefully inspected for Keynsham items.

The account also gives the following 14 corrodies:

William Belle 26s. 8d.

John Sponleigh 40s.

John Hillarye* 53s. 4d.

John Edwards* 40s.

John James 40s.

John Richards 40s.

John Turnor 53s. 4d.

William Frende* 40s.

William Frende* 40s.

*These were still payable 24 Feb., 1555-6 (Cardinal Pole's List). Lame should be Lane, and Byse is called Boyes by Archbold.

Decrees of the Court of Augmentation, 28-31 Hen. VIII, give particulars of some of the offices held by these annuitants.

- John Lane and John Edwards office of Usher of the Hall within the monastery and an annuity issuing out of the manor of Keynsham [Som., 4, 34]. John Edward, junr., office of Marshall of the Hall in the monastery (p. 198).
- William Frynd, office of Keeper of the Bedchambers within the monastery. [Som., 4, 49b].
- Wm. Kyngeston, knt., office of chief steward of all their manors, etc., within England, and an annuity issuing out of the manor of Marsfelde co. Glos. [Glos., 4, 226b.]
- Wm. Kyngeston, knt., office of steward of all their manors, etc., in England, and an annuity issuing out of the manor of Mershfeld co. Glos., also the office of steward of all their manors, etc., as well in England as Wales, and an annuity issuing out of the manor of Keynsham. [Som., 4, 227.]
- [1541. Dec. 20. Sir Antony Kyngston, son and heir of Sir William Kyngston, Mershefeld manor and lands on surrender of a 99 years lease, 10 Oct., 30 Hen. VIII, by Keynsham abbey to Sir W. Kyngston. Letters and Papers Hen. VIII, xvi, p. 725.]

Tho. Hayward. Demise of a tenement in Charlton, called the Sextre, also all the tithes of sheaves, grain, and hay by reason of the rectory of Keynsham called Charleton's tything.

[Som., 6, 14.]

John Illary, office of valet of the chamber, with common of pasture for two cows in a pasture at Keynsham co. Som., called the Clowde. [Som., 6, 97.]

[Note. 1541. 7 April. The Privy Council Business. John Hillary of Kaynsham, who exhibited a supplication to the king declaring that the Chancellor of Augmentations had not done his duty in the trial of an information that the king was deceived by the late abbot of Keynsham of 200 marks yearly, was found to have forged that matter and was sent to the Marshalsea. Letters and Papers Hen. VIII, vol. xvi, 698.]

John Hobbes and Robert Smarte, office of doorkeeper at said monastery, and an annuity issuing out of the manor of Keynsham co. Somerset. [Som., 6, 240.]

Roger Lawrens alias Hyll, gift of two chapels called Whytchurche alias Fylton and Charlton in the diocese of Bath and Wells. [Som., 9, 39b.]

Decrees of the Court of Augmentation, 31 Hen. VIII—7 Edw. VI.

John Panter (not Pauter as given) demise of the granges and farms lying within the parish of Keynsham called Weston and Eton, together with the rent of the farm of Stockwood co. Somerset, also of the rectory of Keynsham, and all tithes, as well of sheaves, grain, and hay, as of other tithes called Strewe Tething, saving the Park called Keynsham's Park, the pasture called the Conyger, a close called the Cosyner's close in Fylton. [Som., 10, 287.]

[1544. June 5. John Panter was granted the site of Keynsham monastery. Letters and Papers Hen. VIII, vol. xix, i, p. 646.]

Geoffrey Chamber, annuity.

[Som., 11, 31.]

- John James, office of baker of the monastery, and an annuity charged upon the manor of Stokewode. [Som., 12, 163.]
- John Beese, office of butler of the monastery, and an annuity out of the manor of Fylton. [Som., 12, 163b.]
- David Morgan, office of bailiff of their manor and tenements of Rompney, St. Melyns, and Newport co. Som. (sic.).

[Som., 13, 1.]

[Rumney, St. Melions, and Newport, all in Monmouth.]

- John Turner, annuity issuing out of the manor of Stokewood. [Som., 13, 108b.]
- John Dane, office of keeper of the horses of the monastery, and an annuity charged upon the manor of Havan (i.e. Hanam), [Som., 13, 119.]
- John Osborne, office of woodward of the lordship or manor of Mershefeld co. Glos. [Glos., 14, 99.]

Besides the above, Augmentation Miscellaneous Book 233, ff. 115b-118, contains the following annuities:

John Lane, £2 7s. 4d., marshall sive ussher aule nostre.

William Popley, 20s.

John Sponley, cellarer, 20s., and one gown of livery, and 3 gallons and 1 potell of convent ale per week.

To the last this note is appended:

Mem. that this patent is signed with Mr. Chancellor's hand, and not sealed with the seale of the king's courte of thaugmentacion and rated at 40s. bi the yere.

Disposal of the Spoil. Letters and Papers (Hen. VIII).

1535. R. Layton to Cromwell.

This day we leave Bath for Kensam (ix, 42). No date is given [but? 7 August, 1535.]

- 1539. Thos Baylye of Trowbridge, Wilts. Grant in fee of the reversions and rents reserved upon the following leases, viz.:
 - (1) By Thomas, formerly abbot, and the convent of the late house of St. Mary and SS. Peter and Paul, Keynesham, 4 Nov., 37 Hen. V1, to Wm. Shewey, alias Stowford, of a messuage with a curtilage situated at Stowford in the manor of Wynfeld, Wilts, two water mills there under one roof and a cottage on a ground called Fresshawe and certain acres there with the fishery of the whole water in the said manor for 96 years at 33s. rent.
 - (2) By John, late abbot, and the convent, 29 Sept., 11 Hen. VII, 103 to Wm. Clevelode of Stowford, clotheman, of the said messuage water mills (changed into 4 fulling mills) for 86 years from the expiration of the preceding lease at 33s. 4d. rent.
 - (3) By the same, 20 Dec., 1494, to the said William of the site of the manor of Wynfeld and two tenements, called Fresshawe and Bradleys, with all demesne lands, &c., for 80 years at £8 rent.
 - (4) By John Stourton, the late abbot and the convent, 10 Feb., 29 Hen. VIII, to the said Thomas Bayley, of the site of the manor of Wynfelde and other premises of the last lease for the term of 90 years from Mich., 1575, at £8 rent, to hold the premises with liberties at 19s. 4d. rent. Del. West, 19 April, 30 Hen. VIII [xiv, g. 904 (21)].

1540. (Grants in March).

Thomas Horner, of Melles, Som. Grant in fee for £540 of certain manors belonging to the late monastery of Bath,

103. See Add. MS. B.M. 15554, fo. 50.

also the advowson of the parish church of Holcombe, Som., and all messuages, lands, &c., in Westharptre, Bakwell and Holcombe, belonging to the late monastery of Keynsham, in as full manner as the last abbot held the same: to hold by rents of 50s. 5d. for the lands of Bath, Kaynesham and Bruton, and 8s. for those of Bruern. [xv, g. 436 (80)].

- 1542. Thomas Gough and Wm. Jones of Fylton, Som. Grain rent of the farmer of Fylton Grange (xvii, p. 701).
- 1542. Richard Andrewys and Leonard Chamberleyne of Woodstock, Oxon. Grant for £4,461 15s. 0d. of monastic lands.
 - § (44). All lands in Wyngfelde, Pomburye, Fressheford, and Westwood, Som. and Wilts, and in Rowdehethe in Wolverton, Som., which belonged to Keynsham monastery. [xvii, g. 443 (39 § 44)].
- 1544. Jointure of the Queen Consort.
 - Lordship and manor of Keynsham, manor of Chewton, hundred of Keynsham, rectory of Keynsham and granges of Estover, Westover, and Fylton, Som., and the lordship and manor of Roythe, co. Glam., late the property of Keynsham abbey. (xix, I, p. 645).
- 1544. Grant in fee to Wm. Rowswell, of Donkerton, of lands in Compton Dando, including the chief messuages and grange there in the rectory and advowson of the parish church of Lytelton, late belonging to Keynsham abbey. [xix, 1, g. 812 (71)].
- 1544. Grants in July (the two following), Sept. and Oct. Edmund Walter, a messuage called Abbottes Burne in tenure of John Hodges, in the parish of Henton, alius Coldhenton, Som., late of Keynsham abbey. [xix, 1, 1035 (2)].
- 1544. Sir Thomas Pope, a close of meadow beside the place called St. Thomas Wateryng within Camerwell parish,

Surrey, in tenure of Thomas Watkyns, late of Keynsham abbey. [xix, 1, 1035, 137 (2)].

- 1544. 1 Sept. Sir Thomas Arundel and Henry Saunders. The lordship and manor of Leighton, Som., and the rectory and advowson of the vicarage of Clofforde, Som., and a wood of 1½ acres called Leighton coppice, late of Keynsham abbey. [xix, 11, g. 340 (i)].
- 1544. Oct. Walter Hendle, attorney general of the Augmentations Grant of the rectory of Eltham, Kent, with the mansion of the rectory and the advowson of the vicarage, late of Keynsham abbey. [xix, 11, g. 527 (9)].

1545. Grant in May.

Edmund Harman and Agnes his wife in fee to the said Edmund of the rectory of Burforde and chapel of Fulbroke, co. Oxon., the advowson of Burforde vicarage, late of Keynsham abbey. [xx, i, 846 (85).]

1545. Grant in September.

Henry Brayne, merchant tailor of London, and John Marssh, of London, tenements, &c., in Bristol, in tenure of David Hobbys, John Warreyn, John Bocher, Roland Taylour, Gilbert Clerk, Richard Baker, John Gurney, William Gamage, John Fawcon, Thomas Olyver and the heirs of — Norton, rent of 13s. 4d., called Barstaple rent, from the proctors of Holy Trinity, near Laffordes Gate, for tenements and land called Clevedon Wall in Bristol, the king's two tenements in Temple Street and Radclyff Street, and rent of 6s. 8d. from the master of the house of Kalenders in Bristol, a rent of 8s. from the wardens of the parish church of Radclyff in the suburbs of Bristol, a tenement upon le Backe in the parish of St. Nicholas, in Bristol, and all other possessions of Keynsham monastery in Bristol. [xx, ii, g. 496 (46), p. 226.]

Abbots of Keynsham.

William, ob. 1205 [Annales Mon., i, 57]. 1175.

Vacant [Close Rolls, 1204-24 (1833), p. 107]. 1208. 1214.

Vacant [P.R., 16 John, vol. i, pt. i (1835), p. 122]. Richard, ob. 1233 [Annales Mon., i, 92; C.R., 1204-24, p. 107]. 1215.

John de Swinesheved, moved to Wigmore 1244 [Annales Mon., i, 134]. 1233.

1244.

Peter de Pratis, living 1259 [S.R.S., vi, 182]. Robert [S.R.S., xiii, 11], living 1277 [P.R., Edw. I, 1272-81, p. 245]. 1266. Adam, seal of [Cat. of Seals in B.M., i, p. 599, the date 1269 12S0 circa. given there is wrong]. Nicholas [P.R., Edw. I, 1292-1301, p. 98], living iv Id. Jan. 1348 1294.

[S.R.S., x, p. 573].

134S. John de Bradford, confirmed 7 Kal. Mar. 1348 [S.R.S., x, p. 581].

1377.

William Peschon [Clerical Subsidy $\frac{4}{2}$]. Thomas Clive [Tanner], living 1427 [P.R., Hen. VI, 1422-29, p. 373]. 1396.

1438.

Thomas Charlet, fiving 1421 [F.R., Hell. VI, 1422-25, p. 373]. Walter Bekynsfeld [Tanner], resigned 1455.

Thomas Tyler, confirmed 9 Jan., 1455 [Harl. MS., 6966, p. 119], died Sept. 5, 1486 [Inq. P.M.—1-2 Hen. VII, 889 (9)].

John Gylmyn, living 1494 [Abp. Morton's Reg., Lambeth, fo. 137].

John Graunt, confirmed 1 June, 1497 [Reg. King, fo. 6], monument of 1455. 1486.

1497. [Soc. of Antiq., Ser. II, v, 82]. 1499. Philip Keynsham, confirmed May 31, 1499 [Harl. MS., 6966, p. 173].

died 1505.

1506. William Rolfe, confirmed 8 April, 1506 [Reg. Hadrian], died 2 April,

1526. John Stourton, elected 15 May, 1526 [Rot. Bibl., pub. Cantab., Dd.

iii, 60]

N.B.-In Harl. MS., 6966, p. 151, J. Grant is said to have been confirmed 1 June, 1487, but the Bishop's Registers at Wells give the proper date, 1 June, 1497. All previous writers on Keynsham have been led astray by the Harl. MS.

List of Canons.

1377. Clerical Subsidies #.

[The commission by Bishop John to the Abbot, as collector of the subsidy in the Archdeaconry of Bath, is dated at Evercrich, 2 April, 1377.]

Decanatus de Radeclyve.

Dñs. Willelmus Peschon, abbas de Keynesham.

Fr. Thomas Keynesham, prior ibidem. Fr. Nicholas Badeseye, supprior ibidem.

Fr. Johannes Bryan.

Fr. Ricardus Keynesham.

Fr. Willelmus Niwton.

Fr. Ricardus Carleton. Fr. Walterus Berkele.

Fr. Robertus Mersfeld.

Fr. Ricardus Wytyng. Fr. Robertus Cropevill.

Fr. Johannes Chiw. Fr. Thomas Farlegh.

Fr. Walterus Lane. Fr. Willelmus Warton.

Fr. Ricardus Ocle.

Fr. John Irys. Fr. Petrus Wattes.

From each of these was collected the sum of xijd.

1526.

The following canons took part in the election of John Stourton as abbot, 15 May, 1526, on the death of Wm. Rolffe, who died 2 April, 1526. 104

Johannes Sturton, prior et presidens.
Johannes Yowyn, supprior.
Willelmus Hurne, sacrista.
Johannes Axbrygge, infirmarius.
Johannes Vowler, coquinarius.
Johannes Vowler, coquinarius.
Philippus Hilarius.
Johannes, Peynter, refectorarius.
Thomas Byde.
Thomas Bedforde
Johannes Browne
Thomas Parker
Willelmus Tibote

The first 10 are described as "sacerdotes."

Acknowledgment of Royal Supremacy.

Aug. 18, 1534.

Johannes Sturtun, abbas.
Willelmus Hern, prior.
Johannes Owen, supprior.
Johannes Arnolde.
Johannes Voller.
Johannes Gylford.
Thomas Beede.
Thomas Deverell.
Thomas Parkar.
Thomas Bedford.
Willyam Tybbatt.
Johannes (novic) Dollman.
Johannes (novic) Edwards.
Willelmus (novic) Barrow.
Willelmus (novic) Brayne.
Johannes Browne.

Deed of Surrender.

Jan. 23. 1539.

per me Johannem.
per me Willelmum Hern, priorem.
per me Willelmum Tibbett, suppriorem.
Johannes Arnold.
Johannes Voler.
Johannes Gylford.
Thomas Beede, sacrista.
Johannes Browne.
per me Thomam Parkar.
Johannes Partereg.
per me Wyllelmum Brynt.

[I have not been content to go to the printed sources, but have examined the original signatures at P.R.O. In Appendix II to the 7th Report of the Deputy Keeper, Barrow is printed Bornow, and in Appendix II to the 8th Report, Voler is printed Veler.]

104. Rotulum de electione Abbatis de Keynsham, Bibl. publ. Cantab, Dd. iii, 60. This roll was examined by me July 30, 1907.

1526. Apr. 7. The monastery of Keynesham. Petition for congé d'élire upon the death of Wm. Rolfe, presented by John Sturton and Philip Hyllary, monks (sic) ("Letters and Papers Henry VIII, vol. iv, 2107).

Pencion de Keynsham

[Taken direct from Augmentation Miscellaneous Book 233, ff. 115b-118].

Johannes Stourton, ab	bas de	Keyns	ham	. 2.	*	£60	0	0	
Johannes Arnold, nup	er cano	nicus				£6	0	0	
William Dune alias Br	ynt, ca	non				£4	13	4	
William Typpett (or T	ybbott	, cano	n .			£6	13	4	
Thomas Parker, canon						£5	6	8	
John Browne, canon			14			£5	6	8	
Richard Adams, canon			*			£2	0	0	
John Partridge, canon				4	4	£5	0	0	
John Gilford, canon			4			£5	6	8	
William Hern (or Hero	on), can	on				£9	0	0	
John Fowler, canon						£6	13	4	
Thomas Bede, canon						£5	6	8	

Dugdale vi, 452.

I.

[1661 Ed. ii, 298.]

Carta Willielmi Comitis Gloucestreæ de Fundatione.

Willielmus comes Glocestriæ omnibus baronibus et hominibus suis Francis et Anglis atque Walensibus et universis Christi fidelibus, tam præsentibus quam futuris, salutem, Sciatis quod Robertus filius et hæres meus positus infirmitate, qua Deo ita volente ex hac vita subtractus est, Deo sibi inspirante, coram viris religiosis postulavit ut pro salute animæ ipsius, domum religionis construerem. Quam petitionem et desiderium filii mei, cum domino meo regi H. filio Matildis imperatricis significassem et ipse me de hac re suâ gratiâ benigne audisset, consilio domini Rogeri Wigornensis episcopi fratris mei, et aliorum religiosorum et fidelium meorum, pro salute Domini mei regis, et pro salute animæ meæ, et Hawisiæ comitissæ uxoris meæ et prædicti filii nostri Roberti, et aliorum liberorum nostrorum et antecessorum, ad honorem Dei et beatæ Mariæ et SS. apostolorum Petri et Pauli, abbatiam canonicorum regularium in manerio meo de Cheinesham fundavi, abbatam canonicorum regularium in manerio meo de Cheinesnam iundavi, &c. His testibus: Rogero Wigornensi episcopo, Barth. Exon. Episc. Hamel. abbate Gloec. A. abbate de Evesham, Roberto abbate Persorensi, Bald. abbate Ford, C., abbate de Margan, R. abbate de Nethe, R. abbate Sci Augustini de Bristoll, Andr. abbate de Wigornia. S. priore de Tantone, Philippo priore de Briwetone, Simone archidiacono Wigornia, Matheo archidiacono Gloec. S. et Silura clericis domini Wigorn Episcopi, Hawisia comitissa Gloecestriæ, Ric de Card. 105 tunc dapifero, Ham. de Valoniis, 106 constab., Rogero Witheng, Sim. de Sco Laudo, Rogero de Berkes, Helia filio Roberti, Willielmo de Caril, et Simone fratre ejus, Gisleberto D'Aumarie, Willielmo filio Gregorii, Roberto fratre ejus, Bartholomæo de Sancto Mauro et aliis pluribus.

^{105.} G. T. Clark "Land of Morgan," 373: "R. de Cardiff gave lands in Mapledurham to Keynsham abbey."

^{106.} Not Valoriis (Dugdale). The 1661 edition of Dugdale is correct.

No. 11. Carta Regis Edw. II. Donatorum Concessiones recitans et confirmans (P.R., 3 Edw. I, mem 30 per Inspex. P.R., 2 Edw. II, p. 1, m. 7).

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos presentes literæ pervenerint, salutem. Inspeximus cartam contirmationis quam Gilbertus de Clare, quondam comes Gloucestriæ et Hertfordiæ fecit Deo et ecclesiæ B.M. de Kynesham et canonicis regularibus

ibidem Deo servientibus in hæc verba.

Gilbertus de Clare comes Glocestriæ et Hertfordiæ omnibus hominibus suis Anglicis et Walensibus, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, me pro salute animæ meæ et Isabellæ uxoris meæ, et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, concessisse et hac presenti charta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ B.M de Keynesham et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus, omnes donationes et concessiones, et confirmationes factas a domino avo meo Willielmo comite Glocestriæ et Almarico comite loci ejusdem ; et ab Isabella comitissa, matertera mea ; ita scilicet, quod predicti canonici habeant et teneant et possideant libere, quiete, et pacifice, plenarie et integre totum manerium de Keynesham, cum ecclesia et capellis et omnibus ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus, et cum servicio Roberti de Aumari, et omnibus aliis rebus ad predictum manerium pertinentibus in bosco, in plano, in pratis, et pasturis, in aquis et stagnis in vivariis et piscariis in molendinis. viis, et semitis, et omnibus aliis locis cum omnibus aliis rebus et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad idem manerium pertinentibus ; scilicet cum in hundredo et ut hundredo villam de Chiutona, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, villam de Cherleton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, Stokewde107 et Stokton, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et villam de Fitton [Filton] cum toto bosco et omnibus pertinentiis suis, quæ sunt membra manerii de Keyne-Et in Buthestoke [? Bichestoke i.e. Chewstoke] septem libratas terre et decem solidatas.

Concessi etiam et confirmavi præfatis canonicis totum manerium de Maresfeld; cum hundredo et omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad idem manerium pertinentibus in bosco et plano, pratis et pasturis, aquis et stagnis vivariis et piscariis, molendinis viis et semitis, et omnibus aliis locis cum omnibus rebus ad idem manerium pertinentibus, præter servicium Gileberti de Thurbervile et Guarini de Maresfeld et præter advocationem ecclesiæ. Præterea concessi et confirmavi eisdem canonicis ortum de Bertona Bristolliæ simul cum ortolano et tenemento quod tenuit; et septem solidatas et sex nummatas terræ in Berehull extra fossatum feriæ, inter gardinum quod fuit avi mei et aquam Avenæ; et totum redditum de pipere et cimmine, quem avus meus habuit apud Bristollum, intra villam et extra, et illam partem terræ, quæ fuit de feodo meo ultra pontem Avenæ, ad capud ipsius pontis, supra viam qua descenditur ad Avenam, et sex solidatas terræ in Tornebury ex dono Richardi Swift et quatuor solidatas terræ ex dono

Thomæ de Baius in Bachwell.

Præterea concessi et confirmavi dictis canonicis totam terram quam avus meus habuit apud Wyntoniam extra portam del North, inter murum et abbathiam de Hida, et inter portam civitatis, totam terram illam, quam Galfridus Burgensis tenuit de domino W. comite avo meo, in magno vico, juxta domum Thomæ Orson, ex parte australi ipsius vici, viginti solidatas annuatim inde reddendos. Et apud Petresfeld, novum molendinum quod Will. de Aumuri tenuit, et unum burgagium in Petresfeld quod similiter idem W. tenuit. Concessi etiam et confirmavi eisdem canonicis totam

terram quam habuit in Mapuldurham¹⁰⁸ ex dono Richardi de Kaerdif; et totum tenementum Hugonis de Dicham quod habuit ex dono Almarici comitis, et unum burgagium et dimidium in Petresfeld. Concessi etiam et confirmavi dictis canonicis quatuor virgatas terræ et sex acras in Mapuldurham; scilicet de novo assarto in Nutstede. Et præterea decem et novem acras in assartis de Mapuldurham, scilicet septem acras in assartis de Nutstede juxta terram abbatis de Durefordl¹⁹ [Sussex] versus austrum; et duodecem acras in assartis de Tacle, juxta tenorem cartarum dominæ Iswyfræ comitisæ aviæ mæe, quas iidem canonici habent de prædictis quatuor virgatis terræ et sex acris, et de prædictis decem et novem acris. Concessi etiam eis ut habeaut in pastura mea de Mapledurham centum oves cum meis dominicis omnibus et duodecem boves cum meis, et viginti porcos quietos de pannagio in bosco meo. Praterea concessi et confirmavi dictis canonicis totam terram, quam habent in Mapledurham ex dono magistri Sampsonis, et totum servicium Theoldi, sicut continetur in charta magistri Samsonis, canonicis confecta.

Concessi etiam et confirmavi eisdem canonicis, unam mercatam redditus apud Bradested [Brasted, Kent], ad luminare ecclesiæ de Keynesham; scilicet novem solidatas de decima fori de Bradestede, et de alio redditu

ejusdem villæ quod sufficiat ad ipsam marcam (sic) perficiendam.

Concessi etiam et confirmavi eisdem canonicis in puram et perpetuam et liberam elemosinam apud Novum Burgum in Wallia [Newport, Monm.] piscariam meam et totam piscationem meam de Uscha et valisonem 1095 anguillarum de vivariis meis de Novo Burgo et gardinum quod est subtus molendinum castelli ad aquilonem, cum uno messuagio ibidem; et una acra ad idem messuagium pertinente; et terram quæ fuit Gocelini Prentut cum pertinentiis suis. Et in Kaerdif unum burgagium quod fuit Goye; et aliud quod fuit Johannis filii Baldewini, et totum parcum de Rumeya, et totam piscariam et piscacionem fluminis de Rumeya; et utrumque vivarium de Raz cum molendino; et magnum vivarium subtus Ribur, ad occidentem, et omnes landas de Kaz, et totam forestam de Rybur, sicut eam liberius et quiecius avus meus dominus W. comes Glocestriæ unquam tenuit, exceptis donationibus prius ab eo exinde factis.

Concessi etiam et confirmavi dictis canonicis ad sustentationem suam, quantum ad advocatum et dominum fundi pertinet, omnes ecclesias quas W. comes avus meus eisdem canonicis concessit; scilicet in Bristoll ecclesiam S. Mariæ [St. Mary Porte] et S. Werburgæ; et ecclesiam S. Sepulcri, 110 et ecclesiam S. Johannis Baptiste in Bureford, cum capella de Fulebroche, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis; et ecclesiam de Eltham, et ecclesiam de Litlington [High Littleton] et capellam S. Petri de Sulbury [Soulbury, Bucks], et ecclesiam de Bradestede et ecclesiam de Pimpre, 111 et ecclesiam de Hardington [juxta Frome] de dono Willielmi filii Henrici, omnes et

singulas cum pertinentiis suis.

Præter hæc concessi et confirmavi dictis canonicis ut ubicunque in feodo meo pessona [mast] fuerit, in honore scilicet Glocestriæ habeant ducentos porcos quietos de pannagio.

- 108. Mapledurham, Durford Abbey, Nurstead and Ditcham are all near Petersfield.
 - 109. Dugdale vi, 936.
- 109b. This word is not in *Ducange*: Martin queries *eelbucks*. *Buck*: a large basket used to catch eels (N.E.D.)
- 110. Where now St. Lawrence church [Bristol] is was sometime a church, as is said S. Sephulchre. Where was a nunnery.—Leland Itin. vii, 91.
 - 111. The gift of Pimperne never took effect (Hutchins' Dorset i, 296).

Concessi etiam et confirmavi simul cum libertatibus quas iidem canonici habent in Keynesham, et in Marcafeld, quod ubicunque terras et possessiones de feodo honoris Glocestriæ habent vel habebunt, de omni placito et forisfacto, quod in terris ipsorum invenerit, suam habeant curiam; et si aliquis de tenentibus ipsorum per felonem, vitam foris fecerit, placitum extra curiam ipsorum fuerit, terra et catalla ipsorum sine contradictione canonicis remancant, quantum ad me et heredes meos pertinet; et omnes emendationes et meliorationes, quas in feodo predicto ad me pertinente facere possunt, tam in terris quam in aquis, molendinis, piscariis, sive vivariis sive in aliis rebus, concessi ut libere et sine vexatione faciant. Concessi etiam et confirmavi, ut capellani et clerici et omnis eorum familia, quiete et sine consuctudine et sine tolnei exactione, emant et vendant in omnibus burgis, mercatis, et nundinis, et in omnibus terris honoris Glocestriæ, quæcunque voluerint.

Insuper etiam concessi et confirmavi dictis canonicis totam salinam, 112 cum terris et redditibus et aliis rebus ad eam pertinentibus, quam habent ex donatione dicti. W. comitis in Wichio. 113 Hæc autem omnia predicta, in ecclesiis, in terris, redditibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et omnibus aliis rebus predictis, concessi et confirmavi predictis canonicis, ut ea habeant et teneant, et possideant in puram et perpetuam et liberam elemosinam sicut unquam liberius et quietius possunt aliqua a viris religiosis possideri et liberius et quietius potest ab homine dici vel excogitari, vel intelligi; ita ut nulli homines de aliquo seculari servicio debeant respondere. Concessi etiam et confirmavi dictis canonicis omnes donationes et confirmationes in terris et redditibus et in omnibus aliis rebus, factas et faciendas, tam a militibus quam ab aliis de feodo honoris Glocestriæ, ita ut iidem canonici omnia sibi collata et conferenda, libere teneant in puram et perpetuam elemosinam et quiete possideant.

Omnes etiam possessiones et libertates ecclesiæ de Keynesham, sicut eas pure pro amore Dei concessi et confirmavi, heredibus et successoribus meis omnibus conservandas et manutenendas, causa Dei commendo. Ut autem hæc mea concessio et confirmatio perpetuam firmitatem optineat, eam

presenti scripto cum sigilli mei appositione confirmavi.

Hiis testibus. (see p. 23).

Nicholai (sic) Poinz, senescallo.
Thoma Malemyns [Malemeyns, 1661 edition of Dugdale].
Willielmo de Hobrugge.
Jacobo de Waladam.
Rogero de Claro.
Thoma de Gravenell.
Michaele de Fossa.
Roberto de Petraponte.
Rollando de Geneuray.
Roberto Sorell.
Nicholao capellano de Spineuile.
Guidone camerario.

Willielmo filio Walteri Bureford.

Nos autem donationes concessiones, &c., confirmamus, &c. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium quinto die Januarii anno regni nostri undecimo.

112. The salt industry was an important one. Before the discovery of modern methods it was carried on by evaporating brine in sheds called salterns (saline). V.C.H. Devon i, p. 400.

113. There was a chapel of Northwyke in "Salso Marisco." See Wadley's "Bristol Wills," pp. 62, 138.

PEDIGREE OF "FOUNDERS" OF KEYNSHAM ABBEY.

[For part of it I am indebted to Greenfield's Tynedale Pedigree.]

Henry I. Robert, Earl of Gloucester = Mabel, d. and coh. of Robert Fitzhamon, the conqueror of Glamorgan in 1157. d. 1147. Wm., Earl of Gloucester, = Hawisia, d. of Robert le Bossu, Earl of Leicester. ob. 1183. ob. 1197. founder of Keynsham Abbey, buried at Keynsham. Amicia, = Richard de Clare, 6th Earl of Clare and Hertford. Robert. ob. ante patrem 1166; buried in Keynsham Abbey. one of three heiresses. d. 1217. Isabel, = Gilbert de Clare, 7th Earl of Clare, 5th Earl of Hertford, d. and coh. of Wm. Marschall, Earl of Pembroke. 6th Earl of Gloucester, d. 25 Oct., 1230; buried at d. 17 Jan, 1239-40, buried at Beaulieu Tewkesbury, 11 Nov. la (her heart at Tewkesbury). 1238 Richard de Clare, 7th Earl of Gloucester (1222-62) = Maud de Lacy, d. of John de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln. buried at Tewkesbury. Dugd. Bar., I, 213. Inq. P.M., 47 Hen. III. "The Keepership of Keynsham Abbey." Gilbert de Clare (the red), 8th Earl of Gloucester (1243-95) = 1. Alice de March. d. of Guy, Earl of Angolesme, from whom he was divorced. Joan of Acre, d. of Edw. I. Margaret = Hugh de Audeley (Inq. 21 Edw. III), Earl of Gloucester in right of his wife. Gilbert de Clare, 19th Earl of Gloucester, 1291-1314

Hugh, 2 2nd Earl of Stafford - Philippa, d. of Tho. de Beauchamp, Earl of ob. at Rhodes, 1386. Ing. P. M., 13 R. H.

UN. I MOPUL, LULU tore, wow as tomorrage. Hugh, 2 2nd Earl of Stafford = Philippa, d. of Tho. de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick. ob. at Rhodes, 1386. Ing. P.M., 13 R. II. Thomas, 3 3rd Earl of Stafford. Wm., 4 4th Earl of Stafford. Edmund, 5 5th Earl of Stafford. = Anne Plantagenet, eld. sis. and Inq. P.M., 16 Ric. II. Ing. P.M., 22 R. II. [Edward in Ing. 4 Hen. IV], 1377-1403. coh. of Humphrey, Earl of Killed in battle at Shrewsbury, Buckingham. Ob. 1438, æt. 60. 21 July, 1403. Humphrey, 6 1st Duke of Buckingham, K.G. = Anne, 3rd d. of Ralph Nevile, 1st Earl of Westmoreland. b. 1402. Killed in battle at Northampton, ob. 1480. 10 July, 1460. Inq. 38 & 39 Hen. VI. Humphrey, Earl of Stafford = Margaret de Beaufort. Killed in battle at St. Albans, 23 May, 1455.

> Henry, 2nd Duke of Buckingham, K.G. = Catherine Wydeville, 76th d. of Rich. E. Rivers. b. 4 Sept., 1454, beheaded at Salisbury, 2 Nov., 1483.

=2. Jasper, Duke of Bedford.8

=3. Sir Ric. Wingfield.

She died before 1513.

Edward, 3rd Duke of Buckingham, K.G. = Eleanor Percy, d. of Henry, 4th Earl of Northumberland. beheaded 17 May, 1521. ob. 13 Feb., 1531.

Henry Stafford, Baron Stafford by restoration 1 Edw. VI. ob. 5 May, 1563.

la. An account of his funeral is given in Annals Mon., 1, 76; there were present the abbots of Tewkesbury, Tintern, Flaxley, Keynsham, Durford, and others.

1. Inq. P.M., 8 Edw. II, no, 68. Keyn' abbathia et advoc' ecclie. Somt.

2. Inq. P.M., 13 R. H. Keynsham advoc abbie somt.

3, 4, 5. The patronage of Keynsham Abbey is mentioned in all these Inquisitions.

 Harl, MS, 6966, fo. 56, 9 Jan., 1455. Tho. Tyler elect ab. de K. per resig. W.B. licentia prius habita ab Humphredo Duce Buck', comite Hereford, Stafford, et Northampton.

7, 8. Inq. of Thomas, abbot of Keynsham, 2 Nov., 2 Hen. VII (1486), speaks of Jasper, Duke of Bedford, and Katharine his wife, and in right of said Katharine, as founders of the monastery of Keynsham, being parcel of the honour of Gloucester.

III.

[Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII, Augmentation Office.]

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bristilton Redd assis	2	10	21	Backewell redd j ten	0	8	0
Eston and Weston firma				Bath divers pensiones	0	15	8
grang'	57	18	8	Dunkerton redd ten		2	0
Keynsham f. terr. d'nical	1	6	8	Holcombe redd ass'	2	12	10
Keynsham Redd ass'	43	8	91	Compton [Dando] mans			
Keynsham Perq. cur'			-	et ter	3	17	4
hund	9	14	10	Hinton [Bluet] redd j			
Chuton f. maner	13	1	8	ten	0	14	0
Stokewood f. grangie	3	19	0	Stapleford redd ass'	2	0	0
W. Harptre f. maner	1	10	61	Durnford redd ass'	3	5	11/2
W. Harptre f. rector'	6	0	0	Pyttefelde [Petersfield]			
Belyton Redd lib ten	0	5	1	redd ten	1	0	0
Fylton f. grangie	11	6	8	Hyde redd ter et ten	2	8	21
Fylton Redd ass'	15	5	4	Stoke Abbatis f. man'	10	0	0
Charleton Redd ass'	15	13	11	Wingfild et Stoweford			
Charleton f. decim'	2	1	0	redd et f	12	13	4
Filton f. decim'	5	10	0	Burford f. rectorie	10	0	0
Bristelton f. decim'	7	3	4	Hanham redd ass'	5	10	7
Publocke f. decim'	5	6	8	Bytton et Upton redd			
Litelton f. rector'	4	0	0	ass'	13	2	5
Bristoll Redd ass'	3	19	10	Turvile Acton redd ass'	0	16	0
Bristol Redd lib ten	7	7	6	Cadibroke redd j ten	1	6	8
Leighton f. man' et rect	6	0	0	Wygorn redd j ten	0	4	0
Newton St. Lo pens de				Hanham f. man'	10	0	0
rect	0	6	S	Marshfield f. man'	80	0	0
Norton [Malreward]				Glamorgan f. man'	9	16	5
divers pens'	1	16	8	Wenlock lib et cust ten	5	10	0
Nemlett als Trubwell							
portio decim'	0	13	4				