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ABBOT NEWLAND'S ROLL
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ABBOTS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S ABBEY BY BRISTOL.

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ON the suggestion of Sir John Maclean and the Ven. Archdeacon Norris I have availed myself of the kindness of Lord Fitzhardinge to lay before the members of the Bristol & Gloucestershire Archæological Society the transcript of a portion of Abbot Newland's Chronicle Roll of the Berkeleys. This particular portion includes Newland's introduction, and his Chronicle of the Abbots of St. Augustine's Abbey, Bristol, from Robert Fitzharding, the founder, to Robert Elyot, the twenty-first Abbot, elected 28th August, 1515.

As regards the Roll itself, Smyth, in his *Lives of the Berkeleys*, makes frequent mention of Newland's Chronicle, but, unfortunately, in terms not sufficiently explicit to show whether it was this identical document he had before him or the original roll in the Abbot's own hand, of which this must be a copy. For that this is not the original is plain from the fact that Newland's death, burial and achievements are recorded in it, as well as the election of his successor, in the same handwriting as the body of the Roll.

If any further proof were necessary that this is but a copy of an older Roll, it is easily found, for having suffered considerable damage from damp, etc., at the edges, the missing words have in many places, notably in the preamble, been supplied by an 18th century hand, and evidently from a much older document, as the spelling and quaint wording bear witness. This too seems to prove that when these late additions were made the original Chronicle was amongst the muniments in Berkeley Castle. It cannot now be found, but it is possible that when I have completed

the catalogue of the Castle Muniments, which I hope to do in the coming autumn, it may be discovered.

A brief description of the Roll is necessary. It is written on paper, and is in two pieces, the upper part measuring 23 ins. by 16 ins., being pasted on 17th century parchment, and the lower part measuring 16 ft. 6 ins. by 16 ins., being much torn at the top and at the edges. The upper part contains the preamble, or the Abbot's preface, the Chronicle commencing "Kyng Harri the first," which illustrates the part taken by Robert son of Harding in the civil wars of King Stephen, and the marriage covenant uniting the families of Berkeley and Fitzharding. (The original covenant is still in good condition at Berkeley Castle). The lower part contains the descent of Robert Fitzharding and the account of founding the Abbey, followed by the chronicle of the Abbots, and, running parallel to it, the chronicle of the family. On the other side of the Roll is a complete list of the Mayors, Sheriffs and Bailiffs of Bristol from "William Cannyng, Maior, and Henry Vyell, vicecomes et primus Bristollie, and William Combe et Thomas Knappe, Ballivi [1374, the year in which Edward III. made Bristol a separate county], down to John Hutton, Maior, Thomas Jeffereis and Johannes Spryng, vicecomites [1524]. Side by side with the list is a meagre chronicle of the deaths and accessions of the Kings of England; for example, "1272 [Anno] 56. Et obiit [Henricus III.] xvi Kal. Decembris sepultus apud Westmonasterium cui successit filius ejus Edwardus primus." Finally, there are in addition a few historical notes, of which the following are specimens:—

1520. This yere whete barley and benes were for the more part of the yere at xxij^d the bz [bushel] and above and grete sca[r]sty of corne was amonges the people. Also the same yere was beheddid the noble lord Edward Duc of Buckingham the xvij day of May and berid at the Austen Freris in London, and about Seint Jamis tide whete was at iij^s iij^d the bz. [bushel].

Anno 31. [*i.e.* Johannis Newland Abbatis]. Isto anno in festo Sancti Laurencii combusta fuit navis vocata Regent cum magno Carricke de Brest supra mare.

Under the year 1327, where an interesting note might be looked for, there is unfortunately nothing but the bare record of the death, and burial at Gloucester of the ill-fated Edward II., whose memory will for ever be associated with the famous Castle of Berkeley.

Hereafter folowith the trewe and noble Petegre of William [lord Marquyes Berkeley Earle] of Noty[ngnam and grete Erle Marchall of England] originalli and lineally descending from the Kyng of Denemark¹ [and in the tyme of William] Conqueror [whos noble Ancestours lordis of Berkeley sithin] diverse tymes have maryed w^t the Royall blode of the Kynges of Englande [with many other] lordes of this Il[ande of right hygh estate as here after shall more] evidently appere. This noble Petegre was compiled and translated out of latyn into Englishe in the v [yere of the Regne of our soverayne lord and Kyng] King Harry the vijth and bi John Newlande Abbot of the Monastery of Senct Augustines bi Bristow [and where hit is undirstandid of the said John Newland] Abbot that the devote mynde and intent of the olde noble fundatours of monasteries some tyme was [to employe and continually to mayntene the] service of God bothe bi day and nyght. And that also the especiall remembrance in prayers of Religiose [men shuld be don for ever for all there fundatours] and benefactours. Therefore full moche convenient hit thinketh me that all Religous men knowe bi [name their fundatours and especial benefactours] for whom thei ought most devoutely pray for, whiche for the love of God and in perpetual almys have geven [and procurid to be geven unto them grete possessiones and liberteis, And for this cause movid y the foresaid John N[ewland] Abbot for my more larger knowledge [and informacion of my brethren Chanous present] And for evir after to be come have taken uppon me to put into writing the lineal and trew descent of [Sir

¹ See *Lives of the Berkeleys* (Maclean's Edition), Vol. I., p. 19, Note A.—Ed. The words within the *square* brackets have been supplied by an eighteenth century hand.

Robert Fizherding the son and eyre of herding] whiche herding was son of the King of Denemarke whiche Robert foresaide was first created lord of Berkeley [and so lineally from him I shall continew unto] William now lord marquyes Berkley for whom And all othir of his noble auncestoures we ben bounde [specially to pray and as that I shall begynne] this said noble Petegre First y shall declare how the said Sir Robert fizherding was first made lorde of the [Barony of Berkeley and shall expresse folowyngly] certeyue convencones made atwixe the saide Sir Robert fizherding and [Sir] Roger of Berkeley [lord and Baron of Dursley].

Kyng Harry the first the iij^{de} son of King William Conquerour had issue remainyng on doughter named Mawde whiche was first maryed unto [the Emperour of] Alemayne whiche decessid w^tout eny issue of here body begoten. And where all the othir children of the said King Harry lawfully begoten were drowned in [the see comyng] out of Normandie And had none othir Eyre the saide King Harry send for his foresaide doughter Mawde the Emparice into Englande And in opyn parlia(ment declared) and ordeyned her to be his eyre. To whom then and there were sworn all the lordes of Englande And made unto her sewete admyttyng here for his (eyre, Amonges) whom principally and first was sworn Stevyn Erle of Boleyn Nevowe of the said King Harry the first. This so done this saide Mawde the Emparice was (after maryed) un to Galfride Plantagenett Erle of Angewe whiche begate of here a son whiche was named Harry. Whiche after was King Harry the secunde. But (sone after that) Kyng Harry the first was decessid the foresaide Stevyn Erle of Boleyn presumed and usurped the crowne And was made King contrary to his othe And promisse (made unto) the said Mawde the Emparice. But when then after Harry the Son and Eyre of the said Mawde the Emparice And also of the saide Galfride Erle of Angewe was (growen) unto man is state he w^t his saide Moder Mawde w^t a smalle power came

The words within the *round* brackets are supplied from Smyth's *Lives of the Berkeleys*.

ovir in to Englande And claymed their right and heneritance in the vth yere of (the raigne of) the said Kyng Stevyn And so continued grete discorde and Batelle atwixe them bi the space of ij yeres And the vijth yere of the Regne of the saide Kyng (Steven there) was a Batelle made at Lyncolne at Candelmas where the saide Kyng Stevyn was taken bi the Erle of Chester And from thens was brought to Bristowe (to the sayd) Mawde Emparice And to her son and Eyre Harry, wher then thei were in this wise agreid and finally accordid that the saide (Steven should regne Kyng) duryng his life And he that ovir lyved othir of the saide Stevyn or Harry shuld henerite the Realme and Crowne And so the said Harry (overlivid Kinge Steven) And then after was crowned Kyng of Englande And namyd Kyng Harry the secunde Unto whom in his first entre and werres the foresaide Sir [Robert Fitzhardinge] gave and lende grete substance of goodes to the supportacion And maynetenance of his werres, And when this Harry had obteyned his right he rememb(ered the great kyndnes and) benefites of the saide Sir Robert fizherding And gave unto him And to his Eyrys for evir the Barony of Berkley Whiche Barony Roger of (Berkeley, Baron of) Durseley helde of the Kyng in fee ferme And for so moche the saide Kyng Harry the secunde toke from the saide Roger bothe the Barony of Durseley [and that] of Berkley for as moche as he toke partye w^t Kyng Stevyn agenst Kyng Harry. And also for as moche as he refused to pay the fee ferme of the Barony of Berkley un to the said Kyng Harry. But then after the saide Kyng Harry entretid bi the noble lordes of his Royalme gave ageyne un to the saide Roger the (Barony of) Durseley as his owne heneritance. And the Barony of Berkley he gave And confermyd un to the saide Sir Robert fizherding and his Eyrys for evir (in recompence) of his grete costes and kyndenes. And when after Sir Robert fizherding was lord And Baron of Berkeley the said Roger lord and Baron of Durseley (vexed) And troubled with him so grevously that he came un to the said Kyng Harry And prayed him to resume his

yefte¹ ageyne. But then after the saide Kynge Harry (made) a peace And a finalle concorde atwixe the saide Roger and Robert so that the said Roger shuld geve his doughter Alice to wife unto Morice the son and Eyre of Sir Robert fizherding w^t the towne of Slymebrigge, Under certeyne condicionys as followingly shalle appere.

This ben the covenantes that wer made atwixe Sir Robert fiz herding lord and Baron of Berkley and Sir Roger of Berkley [lord and Baron of Dursley in the] howse of Sir Robert fizherding at Bristowe And in the presence of Kyng Stevyn and of the Harry then Duke of Normandy (and Earle of Angewe and by his assent) and in the presence of many othirs bothe clerkes and laymen.

Morice the son and Eyre of Sir Robert fiz herding shall² take(u) to his wife Alice the doughter of Roger of Berkley Baron of Dursley And the saide [Roger shall give] to the saide Morice in mariage w^t his saide doughter Slymebrigge whiche is of his heneritance that is to wete x^{li} wurthe of lande And this Morice [by consent] of Sir Robert his fader hath geven un to the doughter of Roger that he shall take to wife for her dower xx^{li} of lande of the fee of Berkley bi the [agreement of the] foresaide lord Duke Harry And under this condicions and covenantes That if so Morice the son and eyre of Sir Robert fizherding shall happe to dec(esse ere he shall wedde) the doughter of the said Roger, that then his next brother and Eyre shall take the saide Alice to his wife according to all the foresaide convencions And (if soe the second) son of the saide Sir Robert fizherding shall fortune to deceesse before he shall wedde the doughter of the saide Sir Roger that then who so evir of the sonnes of the sayd Sir Robert fizherding shall remayne to be his Eyre shall take to wife the doughter of the saide Roger. And of likewise if the elder doughter of the (sayd S^r Roger shall) fortune to deceesse afore that she be weddid to Morice the Son and Eyre of Sir Robert fiz

¹ i.e. Gift.

² "Hath" written over "shall."

herding or to eny othir of his brethren that shall remayne Eyre (after him that) then the elder daughter levyng and remaynyng of the saide Roger shalbe geve to wife un to the son of Sir Robert fiz Herding which levith and (shall remayne his eire) Furthermore the son and Eyre of Roger of Berkley Baron of Dursley shalle take to wife in like forme on of the daughters of Sir Robert fizherding (And the sayd) Roger shall geve in mariage to the daughter of Sir Robert fizherding for her dowery the maner of Siston of Bristow the whiche maner is of (the heneritance of the) saide Roger, And Sir Robert fizharding shall geve in mariage w^t his daughter to the son of the saide Roger x^{li} and x^s wurthe of lande at (Dursley And with) this condicion, that if on of the daughters of Robert fizherding decesse afore she be weddid to the son and eyre of the saide (Roger, that then the othir daughter of) the saide Sir Robert fiz Herding shalbe geven wife unto him. And if hit so shall fortune that bothe the daughters of Sir Robert fiz (Herding decesse afore eny of them bee) married un to the Son and Eyre of the saide Roger, that then his Eyre shalle take to wife the daughter of Hew of Hasele Nece of the saide (S^r Robert fiz Herding) Of like wise if the first gotten Son and Eyre of Roger of Berkley Baron of Dursele decesse afore that he marye w^t eny of the daughteres of (Sir Robert fiz Herding) or of the saide Hew of Hasele then that brothir that shall remayne to be Eyre of the said Roger shalle take to wife on of the daughteres of the saide Sir (Robert fiz Herding) And if thei decesse all or that eny of them shalbe married, that then the Eyre of the saide Roger shall take to his wife the daughter of the said Hewe (of Hasele nece of the) saide Sir Robert fiz Herding according unto all the foresaide covenantes And all thes foresaide covenantes have sworn feithfully to holde, kepe (and performe without) eny fraude or deceyt the foresaide Sir Robert fiz Herding And Roger of Berkley Baron of Dursley, And thei have putte Harry Duke of Normandy (aforesaid for plegge) and for juge atwixe them of all thes foresaide Covenantes trewly to be performyd atwixe them. To thes Covenantes wele and trewly to be observed (have

sworen also) viij noble men of the party of Sir Robert fiz Herding. And also other viij noble men of the party of the saide Roger, whos names ben thes of the party (of the sayd Roger, William) the son of Duke Harry of Normandie aforesaide, Roger of Shay, Rafe of Iweley, Walberyne, Eng(ewald) of Gosynton, Guydo of Sto(ne, Gwafere of Planca) Hew of Planca his brothir. And of the partye of Sir Robert fiz Herding thes ben their names, Hew of Hasele, Nigelle fiz Arthure (Robert of St. Maryes, Elias) the brother of Sir Robert fiz Herding and Jordane his brothir, Jordane le Fayre, Richard fiz Robert And David Duncepouche, And (thes foresayd men with all their) strenght shall holde and kepe the foresaide Sir Robert fiz Herding And Roger in all thes foresaide covenantes trewly to be observyd (that if soe the foresaid Robert) And Roger would go from the foresaide covenantes thei shall constrayne them w^t all their power and myght (to hold and kepe them, And if they) wulde at eny tyme dissent, these foresaide [Noble men] of their service and love shalle reduce them therunto And for thes (covenantes aforesaid wreten, the foresayd) Roger of Berkley, Baron of Durseley hathe relesid And quyete claymed al maner of chalange and right that he had in the Fee (ferme of the Barony of Berkeley).

Herding (son) of the Kyng of (Denmark) had issue bi his (wife) Hvida iij [v] sonnes (and iij) doughters as hit . . . folowyngly and (deceased at Bristoll the) vj day of Nov(ember) 1115.

Robert (fiz) Herding first (lord of) Berkeley (primer fundatour) and chanon (of the Monastery) of Seint Aug(ustine's bi Bristowe) had issue as (apperes folow)yngly and (died the fifth day of) February (in the) se(venteenth yere of Henry II.), yere of our lord (1170) and was beried atwixe (the Abbots and) Piores stalles (and) nexte un to the Abbotes stalle in the intreying into the qwere.

This goode lorde primere fundatour and Chanon of the Monastery of Seint Augustines bi Bristowe began the fundacion of the

same in the yere of our lord m.c xl. And bilded the churche
 And all othir howses of offices according to the same bi the
 space of vj yeris. And so after in the yere of our lord
 m.c xlvi Robertus Bisschoppe of Worcet^r Boniface Bisschoppe
 of Excet^r Nicholas Bisschoppe of Landaf And Gregorie
 Bisschoppe of Seint Asse¹ dedicate the churche of the saide
 Monastery. And then after Alured Bisschoppe of Worcet^r
 inducte vj chanons of the Monastery of Wigmore gederid
 And chosen by Sir Robert fiz Herding our fundatour in to
 our churche and Monastery aforesaide on the Ester day
 whiche was that yere the xj day of Aprile And in the yere
 of our lord m.c.xlvij.

[That this Sir Robert fiz Herding first lord of Berk[eley primer]
 Fundatour of our monastery of Seint Augustines
 chanon of the same hit so apperith bi his Obite (which) is
 yerely in our chapter house in this forme Robert fiz
 Herding Chanon And our fundatour, his son and
 Eyre Morice secunde lord of [Berkeley's] charter on this
 wise writen. Be hit that y Morice the son and Eyre
 of Sir [Robert fiz Herding have] grawnted And confermed
 for my Sowle [and the sowles of my] Auncetry to the churche
 of Seint Augustines bi Bristowe whiche my lorde
 And fader hath funded all suche thinges whiche my saide
 fader hath geven And graunted to the cha(nons) of the same
 Churche of Seint Augustines that is to wete Berkley-hurnys,
 Almondesbery, Horefeld, Asshelwurth and the whiche he
 gave un to them when he became and w . . . a chanon, And
 every of them w^t all their appertinences.]

And for this good lorde Sir Robert fiz Herding oure primer
 fundatour And the goode lady Dame Eve his wife this ben
 the speciall thinges done for them besides the generall
 prayers continually done in divine service bi day and nyght.
 First thei bene prayed fore dayly bi name opynly in oure
 Chapter-howe. Also thei have their Placebo and Dirige

¹ St. Asaph?—Ed.

solennely songe with Ryngyng in the Eve of their Anniversary And on the morowe commendaciones And Masse. The Abbot for the fundatour And the Prior for the fundresse executing the service And on the day of our saide fundatour is Anniversary ther shalbe c. poore men refresshid in a doole made un to them in this forme, Every man of them shall have a Chanon is lofe of bred callid a Myche¹ And iii Herynges therwith. Ther shalbe delid amonges them also ij busshellis of pesis. An other doole also that day shalbe made in money, cakes and loves of iij to a peny under this forme. The Abbot shalle have a Cake price of iiij^d with ij castes of bred and iiij^d for wyne. Also the Priour, the Suppriour And the Amener eviry of them shall have ij Cakes price for every Cake ij^d w^t j caste of bred And ij^d for wyne And every Chanon after bothe of Prestes and also of Novices shall have a Cake of ij^d with a caste of bred And ij^d for wyne. More ovir eviry seculer servande of howshold within the monastery shall have a cake of j^d And a caste of bred. Also every Frere in every howse of the iiij orders of Bristowe shalle have a lofe. And in like wise every Prisoner within the Gaole of Newgate in Bristowe. And all the remanet of bred not divided shalbe delyd at the yate of oure saide Monastery un to pore people. And every man takyng parte of this doole shalle have xl. dayes of Pardone. And in the day of the Anniversary of Dame Eve oure funderesse a doole shalbe made under this forme. That day shalbe delyd un to l. poore men l. lofes callid niches And un to every of them iij herynges. And amonges them all shalbe delyd also j bushell of Peses.

Hereafter folowyngly shalle appere the names of all the Abbotes of our foresaide Monastery.

Richarde the first Abbot of oure Monastery was inducte on Esterday and the xj day of Aprile in the yere of oure Lord m.c.xlvij. And the xj yere of the Regne of King Stevyn. And rewlyd xxxviiij yeres And decessid the iiijth day of September And is beried the yer of our Lord m.c.^{xx} iiij vj.

¹ Myche=a loaf of bread.

John the Secunde Abbot succedid And rewlid xxix yeris And decessid the xij day of February the yere of our Lord m.cc.xvj

Joseph was electe Abbot and decessid the xvij day of September And is beried under a marbill stone.

This Joseph livid after his Election xxxj wekes and so decessid a fore he was installid, the yere of our Lord m.ccxvj.

David the iij^{de} Abbot succedid And rewlid xix yeris And decessid the iij day of Jule And is beried under a Marbull Stone with a hedde And a Crosse made of the same in the elder chapelle of oure Lady the yere of our Lord m ccl iij.

This Abbot David resigned And William of Bradstone succedid him and was electe the xxi day of May the yere of our Lord m.cc.xxxiiij.

William of Bradstone the iiijth Abbot succedid And rewlid viij yeris And decessid the xx day of May the yere of our Lord m.c.lii.

This Abbot William of Bradstone resigned And William Longe succedid him and was electe the x day of August the yer of our Lord m.cc.xlii

William Longe the 6th Abbot succedid And rewlid xxij yeres And decessid the xvii day of May the yere of our Lord m.cc.lxiiij. And is beryed afore the Image of our Lady at the North Ile of our Monastery of the lifte hand of Hew Dadyngton the viijth Abbot.

Richard of Malmesbery the vj Abbot succedid And rewlid xij yeris And decessid the xiiij day of September the yere of our Lord m.cc.lxxvj.

John de Marina the vijth Abbot succedid And rewlid x yeris And decessid the xxj day of February the yere of our Lord mccc^{xx}iiij vj. And lythe beried in oure Chapter House.

Hew of Dadyngtone the viijth Abbot succedid and rewlid viij yeris And decessid the xxvj day of November and is beried streight afore the Image of our Lady in the crosse North Ile atwixe othir ij Abbotes, The yere of our Lorde m. cc. ^{xx}iiij xiiij.

Jamys Barry the ixth Abbot succedid and rewlid xij yeris. And decessid the xij day of November the yere of oure Lord m.ccc.vj And lythe beried under a marbull stone on the southe side of the Rode Auter under the Arche there.

Edmund of Knulle the xth Abbot succedid electe on Seint Thomas day the Apostell And rewlid xxvj yeris And decessid the ix day of June the yere of our Lord m.ccc xxxii And lythe beried under a brode marbull stone streight afore the Rode Auter.

This reverende fader Abbot Edmunde causid mony notable dedis done in his tyme, First he bilded the churche of the new fro the Fundamentes w^t the vestrary And began that grete werke the 6th day after the Assumption of our lady at the oure of ix. The yere of our Lord m.cc.^{xx}iiij xvij. E. then dominica letter. The yere also of King Edwarde the first xxv. He bilde also of the new from the Fundamentes the Kynges Hall And also the Kynges Chamber. Also he reparid And kevered the Freytoure w^t othir goode dedis.

John Snowe the xjth Abbot succedid and was electe the xvij day of June And rewlid ix yeris and decessid the iij day of July And lythe beried under a brode marbulle Stone in the intre in to the Rode Auter.

Rafe of Asshe the xijth Abbot succedid And rewlid xij yeres Electe the xvij day of July And decessid the first day of Marche. The yere of oure Lorde m.ccc.liij. And lythe beried in the myddis of the qwere within the Gryce afore the yongest Novices Stalles.

William Coke the xiiijth Abbot succedid and rewlid xiiij yeres And resigned the first day of October the yere of oure Lord m.ccc.lxv And decessid the viij day of Aprile the yere of our Lord m.ccc.lxvj. And is beried in the space a fore the dore intreyng in to oure Lady chapell above the high Awter.

Harry Shalyngforde othirwise namyd Blebury the xiiijth Abbot succedid And rewlid xxiiij yeres And decessid the ij^{de} day of December the yere of our Lord m.ccc.^{xx}iiij viij And lythe beried

in the nethir Tumbe of the Presbitery whiche he caused to be made besides the high Auter.

John Cernay the xvth Abbot succedid and Electe the xiiij day of January. And rewlid v. yeris And decessid the v. day of October And lythe beried in the ovir Tumbe of the foresaide presbitery the yere of our lord m.ccc.^{xx}iiij xiiij.

John Dawboney the xvjth Abbot succedid electe the xxv. day of October the yere of our lord m.ccc.^{xx}iiij xiiij. And rewlid xxxv. yeres And decessid the xvj day of January the yer of our lord m ccc xxviiij Aud lythe beried in the high tumbe of the north side of the Rode Awter.

Walter Newbery the xvijth Abbot succedid electe the xxv day of February And decessid the iij day of September the yere of oure Lord m.cccc.lxiii And so rewlid xlvj yeris And is beried in the ovir Arche of our Lady Chapelle on the northe side of the Auter.

This wurshipfull fader Abbot Walter Newbery dyd mony grete actes in his tyme in bilding of the maner of Fifhide in Dorsetshire Also in diverse houses of office at the Maner of Lygh in Somersetsbire Also in diverse Howsynges at the Maner of Almondesbery And also new bilded the Maner of Asshelworth in Glouceturshire with othir diverse Granges and appruamentes of landes within the saide maneris and also other maneres And was fraudelently deposid the xxiiij yere of his rewle bi the space of v. yeres And then after restorid to his dignite And so decessid on whos sowle Jhesu have mercy.

Thomas Sutton the xvijth (*sic*) Abbot with subtilite and meyn-tenance usurped v. yeres and so after abiecte was made Prior of Poughley in Barke Shire. Thes intrusor byld no thing but wastid and spended the goodes of the Monastery for his defense And lette downe tenementes and othir howses throw his cause also ben withdrawe mony quyte Rentes nevir of like to be rekevirid without the helpe of a singuler benefac-toure.

William Hunt the xixth Abbot succedid cleete the xxvij day of September And rewled viij yeres And decessid the xiiij day of Marche the yere of oure lord m.cccc.^{xx}iiij j And is beried in the Northe side of our ladi chapell in the nethir arche bi the qwere there.

This wurshipfull fader Abbot William Hunt dyd mony benefites for his time in bilding of diverse Granges And especially that he of the new lette make the hoole Rofe of the churche bothe the bowke and the Hles of the same And new lettē cast the ledde for the same from the Toure all estward with oure lady chapelle, with othir howses of office and also benefites for the whiche God rewarde him Amen.

John Newlande the xx^{ti} Abbot succedid cleete the vj day of Aprile the yere of our lord m.cccc.^{xx}iiij.i. And ruled honorably xxxiiij yeres And decessid the ij^d day of June the yere off our lorde m.v^cxv And is beried in the South Side off our Lady chapell in the Arch there by the dore going in to the loft going to the organs.

This Reverend Father Abbot John Newland did many honorable dedis in his tyme in bilding of v. new barnys in the parrish of Berkeley ij grete barnys att Asshelworth And in repayring the manor of Almondesbury And in reedifying the manor of Ligh, the manor of Horefed, the manor of Codrington, the manor of Powlet with many other grete Actis in bilding and repairing of chauncelles othir Howses Also the said Reverend father In his tyme bildid the dortor And fraytor, the Priores logginge, the yatchouse, the Amery with the logginges next adioynant, the hey barne, the Stabilles ioynng to the malt howse, with the fundacioun of the body of church to the soilis of the Wyndos of the north side And the westend with othir Houses of office And many othir grete benefytes for the which God reward hym with eternal blisse Amen.

Robert Elyot the xxj Abbot succedid elect the xxvij day of August the yere of our Lord m^v^cxv. and Ruled right honorably.