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EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO ST. PETER'S
ABBEY, GLOUCESTER,

TOGETHER WITH (No. 86) AN IMPORTANT SET OF NEW
STATUTES FOR THE BETTER GOVERNMENT OF THE
CONVENT.

The following documents at Hereford were transcribed by the late Canon Capes, of Hereford, assisted by T. H. Parry, and are contributed (with permission of the Dean and Chapter of Hereford), with dates and references (1915), by W. ST. CLAIR BADDELEY.

We print first document No. 86, of the time of Edward I., as being of special interest.

86. *New statutes* for the better government of *Gloucester Abbey* drawn up at the request of the chapter by Abbot John (de Gamages), Wm. de Brok, Prior, Lawrence of Gloucester, John de Heliun, John de Felda, John Toky (afterwards, 1306, Abbot), Hugh Wyggemore, Gregory de Kynton, Richd. Toky, Herbert de Rubbesford, John de Wyttesea, Vincent le Rous, Wm. de Keyrwent, monks of the same Abbey, 6 *Ides Oct.*, 1301.

(1) One or two monks to watch the cloisters at reading-time and report absent brothers.

(2) Absence from Chapter to receive the same punishment as absence from collation.

(3) No brother may leave mass after the first prayer to join the Abbot's table, or do manual labour during mass in the choir, unless he be superintendent of workmen or have special work assigned him.

(4) Each brother must celebrate mass once in four days.

(5) As to the discipline of the boys, one master must reside continuously with them in the cloister, no one must give them playthings (?) (*jocalia*) except through the masters, or invite them to private "*gentamina*" (? meetings), no youth is to be promoted to service except by the chapter on the recommendation of the masters to be given without partiality.

(6) The outside Priors (of Leonard Stanley and

Ewenny, &c.), are to return home on St. Peter's day yearly and report the state of their cells.

(7) The workmaster may not have meals or feasts at Toffeleye, but if he go there with a companion "mixtum capiat" (a breakfast of bread and wine) there, or at home by licence of the Abbot or Prior, if the monks go for a walk to Vinea (the Vineyard)¹ they may not eat or drink there, nor at Abbelode or Maysmore (none may do this), except the Cellarer when he collects tithes.

(8) To prevent scandal, no brothers are to go into the town on market or court-days, or take the air outside it, except by the Abbot's or Prior's licence, but the town-master may go to collect rents. The almoner, chamberlain, subalmoner, guest-steward and sacristan are each to have a horse or palfrey maintained for them but must surrender them for the use of the monastery if required—if an officer refuses to do so when required, for the first offence he loses a flesh-day, for the second he is given a day of bread and water, for a third he must lose his office.

(9) To relieve the fund applied to the Brothers' necessities by the archbishop's regulation, the ten marks and portions paid by the outside priors now given to the Abbot are not to be paid to his successor but must be given to provide better clothing for the brethren—The Abbot's successor is not to maintain harpers or other minstrels at the expense of the community but a discreet Esquire likely to be of service to the Abbey. When the Abbot makes a visitation he shall not tarry in any pit, cell, chamber, or sacristy, having regard to the statute against receiving money or jewelry.

(10) No brother to receive a present without licence, nor to spend it on "jocalia," (playthings) and to prevent the need of such presents licence may be given to eat in the infirmary *ante prandium* on fish-days, and the priors are to be easy in granting them.

(11) In the choice of cellarer, subcellarer, chamberlain and kitchen-steward, the members of the third lectio with

¹ *i.e.* at Over.

three of the third shall have a voice by nominating suitable persons to the Abbot, but all cabals are to be punished by permanent loss of office. The cellarer is to take his "claustrales" (*i.e.* his subordinates or cloister-conversi) with him when he visits the manors, the kitchen-steward is to have charge of the Vineyard, and to sell the fruit to buy wine. The work due from the officers in the Vineyard must be performed, and if the kitchen-steward be removed from his charge of the Vineyard, the subcellarer shall take his place.

(12) For the honour of the house servants convicted of theft or night-wandering are to be removed, also without favour the servant of any officer who quarrels with the brethren. Perquisites of fat, hides, skins, meat or fish are forbidden, except of pigs' tails, heads, and the like; harvesters, too, are to have nothing beyond their wages, and customary perquisites must be allowed them with due regard to the Abbey's interests.

(13) To give due honour to the B.V.M. in accordance with the Founder's wish, incense is to be used at least twice in her chapel-mass, and half the candles must be lighted at the beginning, and the rest at the gospel. Monks in good health who eat flesh in Advent, Septuagesima, or on Fridays are to lose their flesh-days. Any suspected and convicted "de familiaritate cum pueris" are to receive the same punishment, and to be excluded from the society of the seculars till they amend.

(14) If for maladministration sequestration of the goods of the priories or officials is necessary the consent of the seniors must be given, and the matter must not be left to the Abbot alone. Money-contributions must be kept more carefully in the treasury for the monks' necessities—the Prior of Ewenny shall contribute 5*l.*, the Prior of Bromfield 5*l.*, of Hereford 10*l.*, of Kilpeck 40*s.*, of Ewyas 20*s.*, of Stanley 100*s.*, on the Feasts of the B.V.M. and St. Peter, when they return home, on penalty of removal from office. The monks are not to make vows of pilgrimage or to receive licences to make pilgrimages.

(15) A rule for proceedings in church, convent, and among

the seculars, is to be drawn up that each brother may know and perform his duties, and when a duty has been assigned by a superior not even the Abbot shall alter it without the superior's consent. The Abbot shall show the Prior and all the Order greater respect especially before the seculars, and shall treat the cellarer and brethren amicably and devoutly so that love be not exchanged for strife.

(16) Unanimously decided that the presents distributed on the double festivals, viz. by the precentor on Feast of St. Oswald the King by the sacristan on Feast of St. Denis, and of liquorice and fennel by the wardens of the sick on the Feast of the Purification shall be continued, that the officers may forestall the dates, and need not give more than 18d. to any brother unless compelled thereto by a liberal spirit. Ill-usage or neglect of the Abbey horses is to be punished by loss of flesh days. (Abridged.)

HENRY I.

1. Grant by Eustace,¹ son of Turstin Flandrensis (of Flanders), to the Convent of St. Peter and the monks at Gloucester, at the request of his mother Agnes, of one hide called Sudenhale in *Pencombe* (Co. Hereford). Witnesses: Turstin Flandrensis his brother, William priest of the township, William of the stable, Wimund, Roger de Kaillewi,² Roger Castel and Ralph dapifer (steward). (No date.)

STEPHEN.

2. Certificate of Bernard, minister of the Church of St. David, to A(lexander), Bishop of Lincoln, that Robert Gernon within his own personal knowledge gave to St. Peter and the monks of Gloucester the churches of *Wiricesbury* (Wraysbury, Co. Bucks) and *Laverchestoke* (Larkstoke), and a moiety of a mill and land, and that King Henry confirmed the gift, and Queen Matilda stood by when Roger confirmed

¹ Otherwise known as Eustace de Pencombe. *Hist. et Cart. St. Petri, Glouc.*, vol. i. pp. 124, 286.

² *Ibid.*, vol. ii. p. 286: "Rogerus Cailli." The name is also Cayleway occasionally.

his donation on the altar at Gloucester *per cultellum*. (No date. Alexander, Bishop of Lincoln 1123-47; Bernard of St. David's, 1115-47; but the gift was confirmed by King Stephen in 1138. St. C. B.)

3. Testimony of David, Prior of Worcester, as to the claim of the Church of York to certain manors—that *Ottintune, Lecche, and Bertune* (Abbots Barton) have belonged to Gloucester Abbey from its foundation, that *Standish* was given by Earl Beornulf—that Abbot Wulstan (1058-72) agreed to permit Ealdred, Bishop of Worcester (1044-61), to take the rents of Ottintune, Lecche (Northleach) and Standish for a term—that when he became Archbishop of York (1061-69), Ealdred still took the rents, but his successor, Thomas (1070-1100), gave them back to Gloucester at the end of the term. Bertune (Barton) was not included in the agreement. He is prepared to maintain the truth of this by fire or other ordeal. (David, Prior of Worcester 1143-45.) Seal of Priory.

NOT DATED, BUT BEFORE A.D. 1179.

4. Grant by Jordan de Sanford and his wife and heirs of two assarts (clearings) in *Chelworth* with the wood between, and the adjoining parcels of land, to the church and monks of Gloucester. Witnesses: Alured, Canon of Cirencester, Henry priest of Pulton, Gerard chaplain of Biseleye, Godwin the smith, Jordan Basset, then steward, Robert de Maisil, Walerand de Crikelade, Reinald de Widford, Hubert de Cernai. Sealed in the house of Godwin the smith of that place.¹

5. Grant by Rotrou, Consul de Pertico² to the monks of Gloucester of all the lands in Chinemereford (Kempsford), which he has heard were given by Ernulf de Hesding and Patrick de Cadurcis (*i.e.* Chaworth). Witnesses: R(oger) Earl of Warwick (1122-53), Walter de Salesburi (d. 1147) and Sibyl,³ his wife, Meinfelin (or Mainfelin) britone, Walter de

¹ Cf. *Hist. et Cart. St. Petri*, vol. ii. p. 239.

² See *Hist. et Cart. St. Petri*, vol. i. p. 243. Pertico = *Perche*. This is Rotrou II., C. of Perche (1144-91).

³ Daughter of Ernest de Hesding.

Maheritto, chaplain, who wrote this deed, and Walter de Aldeburne.¹ Seal. (Before A.D. 1147.)

6. Grant by Ranulph, Earl of Chester, to the church and monks of Gloucester of the 40d. rent from *Olneye Mill*,² and confirmation of the gift of the mill at *Taddewelle* by Aliz, wife of Richd. fitz Gilbert, for her husband's soul (between 1149 and 1179). Witnesses: Waus the castellan, Richard pincerna (butler), Ralph mansellus (*i.e.* small house-holder).

7. Grant in free almoigne to the church and monks of Gloucester by Philip de Braiose of a burgess of *Radnor*,³ free of all pleas and customs, except guard and sudden outcry, with all his goods and lands, and 12d. annually from the town bailiff for hay for their horses during their visits; also of a right to enter and buy and sell on his lands. Witnesses: Philip's wife and the knights and many burgesses of Radnor, Adam de Carnelia (*i.e.* Carnaill), Wm. de Mesnilium (Mesnil), William dapifer (the steward), Romold, W. de Basche(r)villa, Robert de Caposecreto, Vaucerus (Voucher) de Putanglo (? Putcolo, *i.e.* Pozzuoli), Ernulfus de Loventon, Robert pincerna (the butler), Robert dispensator, Edwin pistor (baker), Odo the chaplain, Ralph the clerk, and many it would take too long to name.

8. Grant by *Abbot Walter* (De Laci, 1130-39) and the Convent of Gloucester to Richard de Brekennio⁴ of all the land that was once that of Serlo the priest, to be held in fee at a rent of 30s., but without power to alienate. Witnesses: Walter capellanus (the chaplain), Ralph dapifer (the steward), Ingulph janitor (door-keeper).

HENRY II. (VIDE ALSO NO. 39).

9. Grant by Abbot Hamelin and the Convent of Gloucester to Gislebert, son of Richd. Chamberlain, after

¹ Tenant in Cranham of Elyas de Giffard. *Hist. et Cart. St. Petri*, vol. i. p. 244.

² See *Hist. et Cart. St. Petri*, vol. i. p. 104.

³ See *Hist. et Cart. St. Petri*, vol. i. p. 110, vol. ii. p. 103. Philip de Braiose had married Berta, daughter of Milo, Earl of Hereford (d. 1143).

⁴ Brecknock.

he had done homage for half a virgate, granted to his father in fee, of another half virgate to be held at the will of the grantors at a yearly rent of 5s. Witnesses: Ingulph and Grim priests, Helyas Giffard¹ and Robert and Alard de Sida his nephews, Wazo, Ralph Picard, John de Piritone (Purton), Idric de Cors, Nicholas prepositus (reeve), Erniet Achepotere (or Athebutre), Wm. le Peitevin (Poitevin), Miles, son of Henry de Pomeria (Pomerey), John de Mareis (Marsh), Walter Caperun, Wm. Walensis (of Wales), Nigel fitz Arthur, Wm. de Dene and Geoffrey his brother, Walter de Borclive, Ernesius, once chamberlain of the Abbey, Durand of Bristowe, Aschitill of Lilletunc. (A.D. 1155.)

10. Grant by Roger Parvus (Little) and Hugh his heir to the monks of Gloucester of eight acres in Weddune (Whaddon), near Brothrop Court (Brookthorp), offered on the altar in the presence of *Abbot Hamelin* (1149-79). Witnesses: Wm. de Hereford,² Geoffrey Gernun, Robert, William and Simon the sacrists, Robert le bret, Rôger Clauvel, Robert Scardein (? Scurday). Seal. (Probably before 1156.)

11. Grant by Abbot Hamelin and the Convent of Gloucester to Roscelin, son of Estreldis (*i.e.* Estrilda), of the land that she and Edinarius the fuller held of Master Nicholas de St. Oswald, in fee at a rent of 18d. and 6d for land tax. Witnesses: Robert de St. Michael, Richd. Hors, Silvester,³ Godefrid fitz Esegar, Godefrid fitz Thuri, Hugh fitz Hathhulin (*i.e.* Atheline), Guaco Coquus (cook), Leofthin Calvesthombe, Ulfei Faber, Harniet Hachebutere, Osmund Cais, Nicholas aurifaber (goldsmith), Sigar russus (le Rous), Hammelric, Henry fitz Baldwin, Ernald fitz Dunning.⁴

12. Grant by Abbot Hamelin and the Convent of Gloucester to Hugh de Langefeld, out of love for Geoffrey de Ver, of their land in Lawertune (Laverton) excepting the

¹ Helias de Giffard (2) became a monk in his wife's (Berta) lifetime (c. 1163).

² Youngest son of Milo, Earl of Hereford.

³ Cousin to Rich. Hors. Cf. *Landboec de Winchcombe*, vol. i. p. 164.

⁴ Cf. *Cal. Corp. Records, Glos.*, No. 83, A.D. 1175-90, and No. 129 (c. 1210).

meadow on the bank of the Onye (Ampney), in fee at a rent of 5s. Witnesses: Herbert janitor, Morin, Geoffrey camerarius (chamberlain), Wm. Mansell, Robert de Hereford, Symon Brito, Walter fitz Severe, Walter constabularius, Walter de Burton, John de Marcis, John Flandrensis, Godfrey de Rudeford, Henry Mustel, Suel de Longefeld, Hugh de camera, Randulph, Seulf faber (Wright), Bernard his son, Owen, Robert de la bertune (of the Barton). (*Circa* 1160.)

13. Agreement between Richard, Archdeacon of Wiltshire, and the monks of Gloucester, made in the presence of Roger, Bishop of Worcester (1163 to 1180), by which Richard is to take the tithes of the demesne of Robert de Ewyas at *Clive* (Co. Hereford) for life, paying annually one pound of incense to the Prior of Ewyas at Gloucester on the Feast of the Assumption. Witnesses: Symon the Archdeacon, Master Moyse, Master Silvester, Master John de Paris, Wm Cantor.

14. Lease for life granted by Abbot Thomas (1179-1205) and the Convent of Gloucester to Richard de Muchegros of the vill of Selden (Co. Devon) at a rent of five marks. His representatives at the end of the lease are to leave the following stock, which he receives with the land, or its value, eight oxen valued at 3s. 6d. each, one cow at 3s., a granary full of oats except the upper western side for four feet thereof, one load of rye and one plough. Sureties for these covenants are Robt. de Botentune, Peter de Piritune, Walter fitz Wibio, John de Pertune, Adam de Paris. Witnesses: Walter le Larimere, Wm. Danzel, Robert and Richd. de Bekeford, Walter de Paris, Robert janitor, Walter Toki, John de Marcis, Robert Testard, Geoffrey de Lilletune, Adam Boterel. Seal.

15. Grant by Abbot Thomas (1179-1205) and the Convent of Gloucester to Hugh Chepman of the land which Payn the shoemaker held of them before he became monk, in fee at a rent of half a mark, but inalienable except to descendants. Witnesses: Robert the younger, of Bertune, Geoffrey de Lileton, Jordan de Sudwic (Southwick), hundredo nostro. The second week of May, 1181.

16. Grant by Abbot Thomas (1179-1205) and the Convent of Gloucester to Owen, son of Herbert Lug, of a messuage and eight acres of land, once Aldewin de Wem's, to be held in fee of Wem Priory at a rent of 16d. payable on Hokedai, for which Owen surrendered to the Abbey the meadow between Carveldon and Wem Priory, and eight acres of land near Langelande. Witnesses: Robert chaplain of St. Bride's, Adam chaplain, Payne de Turberville, Wm. de Cantilupe, Osbern clerk, Homer, John de London, Geoffrey fitz Nigel, Roger de Reimi, Hugh de Vilers, Adam Norrensis (the Norman), Wm. steward of Colewinestune, Robert his brother, Richd. Beaubos, Philip of Newburgh, Homer clerk, Nicholas fitz Brian, Walter de Estenoure (Eastnor).

17. Grant¹ by Nich. of St. Bride's (*i.e.* Bridget) to the Abbot and Convent of Gloucester, of all his right to one virgate of land which Geoffrey Dispensator held in *Standish*, offered on the altar in the presence of Abbot Thomas (1179-1205). Witnesses: Walter Giffard, Walter Bloet, Alex. pincerna, Walter de Side, Hy. le Droeis (De Dreux), knights, Walter Tochi, Robert de Berton, Robert his son, Robert Croili (*i.e.* Creully in Caen, Normandy), Wimund de Aldesworth, Robert testis, Nich. de Rudes, Wm. butler of the Abbey, John de Mareis, Geoffrey de Liletune, Wm. de London, Helyas of Standish, Wigot de Froecester, Peter de Fromilade, Geoffrey de Bromtune, Richd. Russ of Framilade. Seal of Nicholas.

18. Grant by Abbot Thomas (1179-1205) and the Convent of Gloucester to Wm., son of Wm., their late bailiff, of Standish, of half a virgate in *Standish* which his father held for five marks and one ounce of gold, and twenty acres more from the demesne, for his mother's support. If he marry in her life he is to build a new house on the half virgate and leave her the house his father built on the demesne which (last) must be removed at her death. Wm., besides a rent, of 6s., shall plough lands for the Abbey in Lent, in winter,

¹ Cf. vol. ii. p. 116, *Hist. et Cart. St. Petri*.

and for fallowing, and shall do harvest work and bring a present. Witnesses: Silvester the cellarer, Wm. Giffard, Richd. de Horslega monks, Robert fitz Robert of Bertune, Robert White, Wm. sacristan, Walter Thochi, Geoffrey de Liletune and the Halmote of Standish.

19. Grant by Abbot Thomas (1179-1205), etc., to Geoffrey de Matresdon of the mill of Bertone (Barton), once held by Robt. de Berton, with a croft of three acres, a dwelling-house and one acre of land for life at a rent of 12s. Witnesses: Walter Toki, Philip Carbonel, Wm. (janitor), Geoffrey de Liletune, Robt. de Croilli, Maurice de Snedham and Richard his brother. (Probably *c.* 1200.)

20. Agreement between Abbot Thomas (Carbonel) and the Convent of Gloucester and Richard, parson of Norton, that the latter will pay the 100s. pension due to the Abbey from the Church of Norton, although the Bishop of Lincoln's consent is wanted, and will support its claims against Wm. fitz Alan, and that the protection of the Abbey will be given to him in so doing. Witnesses: John Dean of Gloucester, Master Adam de Longedon, James of St. Oswald, Ernisius, and Henry of St. Mary, priests, Master Roger de Culna (Colne), Wm. de Mortimer, Wm. de Dunia clerks, Arnold fitz Cutell, Walter Cadmore, Roger Tailluy, Symon of the cellar, Philip Carbonel, Nicholas de Rudes, Wm. butler to the Abbey, Durand de Hauville. (*Circa* 1200.)

21. Grant to Abbot Thomas, etc., by Gilbert de Risindon and Emma, his wife, of a meadow in *Risindon* which Andrew de Cotes gave Emma as her dower to be held for their lives at a rent of 7s. and a cheese, for this the Abbot paid but 4s. Witnesses: Walter Blund of Risindon, Philip Blund, Geoffrey clerk, Roger the parson, Walter scriptor, Samsone de Clifford, Walter Toki, Thos. de Drontunc, Roger Mareschal, Peter Burgeis, Philip Carbonel, Durand de Hanville. (*Circa* 1200.)

22. Agreement made before Peter, Bishop of St. David's (1176-98), between Abbot Hamelin (1148-79) and the Convent

of Gloucester and Osebert de Wiz (Droitwich) and his brothers. Osebert takes oath that the assault upon the Abbot's vassal Wm. was not made from disrespect to him, and that he will compensate his injuries, that he will surrender the salt-pit and land in Wiz (*i.e.* Wick), and especially the assarts (cultivated clearings) and fifteen strips from which he carried off Wm.'s crops, that he and his brother Henry will stop their suit for one hundred marks against John Crisp, and if their brother R. refuses will join the Abbot in his claims against him, that he will compensate the Abbot for his trouble, and make an indenture to this effect before the King's Justices at Worcester. The Abbot agrees to compensate Osebert and his brothers for their claims against his vassal Wm. Witnesses: Peter Bishop of St. David's, Roger de Berchelai and his brothers Oliver and Philip, Mahel de Tornit, Alex. the butler, Robert of Bertone and his son Robert. Witnesses and sureties for Osebert: Wm. de Monstrewe (? Minsterworth), Richd. de Bagginden, Roger de Cirencester, Adam de Blackneie. Monday before Feast of St. John the Baptist (*c.* 1177).

JOHN.

23. Fine before the King's Justices at Gloucester Feast of All Saints (*i.e.* 5 *John*) between Roger de Berkelai and Thos. (Carbonel), Abbot of Gloucester. Roger acknowledges the advowson of Doddington to belong to the Abbot and Convent, and the Abbot, at the request of Roger, grants the church to Walter, clerk of Banbury, to hold it as parson for life, and at his death agrees to appoint a nominee of Roger or his heirs.

24. Grant by Abbot Henry (Blunt) (1205-23) and the Convent of Gloucester to Gerard de Ponkinni, of the Church of *St. Foa* (Foy), to hold as Wm. de Kilpeck, precentor of Hereford held it, reserving the pensions due to the Church of Ewias. Witnesses: Master Hugh de Mapenore Dean of Hereford (1203-1216), Sir Wm. precentor, Sir Helias treasurer, Masters Theobald Albinus, Wm. de la Rie,

Wm. de Bergeveny Canons of Hereford, Breute, Hy. de S. Walerie, John cook, servant of the Bishop of Hereford, Drogo pincerna, Salomon janitor, Maurice stabularius, Symon de aula, Geoffrey de cellario servants of the Abbot of Gloucester. Seal.

25. Grant by Robert fitz Ruclan to Abbot and Convent of Gloucester of the mill of *Gare* for ten years at a rent of one load of corn for the remission of a debt of ten marks. Witnesses: Master Richd. de Brackeley, Walter scriptor, Salomon janitor, Symon de Framilade serving at Bromtune, Wm. de Francis, Itheil de Gleanston, Robt. fitz Bledin, Richd. son of John the clerk, Richd. fitz Ruclan, Gilbert fitz Helyas. Feast of St. Andrew (1212). Seal.¹

26. Grant by Abbot Henry (1205-23) and the Convent of Gloucester to Walter de Capella (the Chaplain of the Bishop of Worcester) of three nooks of land and a messuage with a weir at Over once held by Nicholas de Capella, and of eight acres in *Felton* field, viz. four near Heihainstic (*i.e.* Hempsted) (three on one side of the way and one on the other), two between the lands of Walter Blund and his neighbour Reginald, two between the lands of Wm. fitz Matildis and Nicholas de Felton in Caldmeise, and of the land once held by Wm the Monier with the adjoining moor in *Halecton* field under Ludlow Castle, to be held in fee simple of the Priory of Bromfield at a rent of 12d. to the sacristan. For this Walter paid eleven marks of silver, and granted the Abbot and Convent of Gloucester a messuage standing before the Chapel of St. Ethelfreda and a croft in front of the gate of Felton Court. Witnesses: Gerard Angevin, Jordan of Ludford, Robert de Wodeton, Hy. Mile, Walter scriptor, Drogo de Punteis (Pointz), John le Chamberlang, Geoffrey de Weston, Wm. de Berkelei, Robert de Querne, Robt. de Halecton. (*Circa* 1212.)

27. Indenture of exchange between the Abbot and Convent of Gloucester and Walter de Capella of the latter's

¹ Cf. *Hist. et Cart. S. Petri*, vol. ii. p. 261.

arable field called Longelande under Wyteclive for the farmer's arable field near *Felton*, where there was a gravel pit. Witnesses : Sir Yvo de Clinton (Knight), Wm. fitz Hugh of Bromfield, Reginald de Halton, Robt., called the clerk, of Stanton, Wm. fitz Alan of Bromfield. (Cf. No. 26 and 28.)

28. Bond of Walter de Capella compelling his heirs to compensate the monks of Gloucester if his wife Katherine after his death shall recover dower from the land called Longelande under Wyteclive. Witnesses : Wm. fitz Hugh of Bromfield, Regd. de Halton, Wm. de Avontre, Wm. de Goddemore, Robert de Stanton clerk.

29. Grant by Abbot Henry (1228-43) and the Convent of Gloucester to Thos. Hodenach of all the land of Goldeland which Alexander, Prior of Ewenny, recovered against Alexander de Corendune, at a 3d. rent, payable to the said Prior. Witnesses : John chaplain, Thomas pincerna (butler), Owen Lug, John Kandelans, Peter of Old Castille.

30. Grant by Hugh de Gerna to Abbot Henry Folet (1228-43) and the Convent of Gloucester of three acres of meadow in Pulmede in *Westbury*, between the King's meadow and Henry the deacon's land called *Newelonde*, with a warrant from his lands in Gerne (near Westbury), for which the monks pay him six marks on account of his great poverty for the payment of his debts. Witnesses : Walter scriptor, Nich. fitz Yvo, John de Staure, Maurice Marescall, Geoffrey de Weston, Nicholas clerk, Wm. the Welshman, Peter clerk.

31. Confirmation by Ralph fitz Stephen, on a finding by the Winterburn venue, of the freedom of the vill of *Petsage* (Petschawe), the property of Gloucester Abbey, from scutage hidage or any such tax, made for his soul's health and that of his wife, and *King Henry's*. Witnesses : Wm. his brother, Wm. his nephew, Wm. de Chames, Matthew his clerk, Walter Giffard, Walter Tochi, Robert de la Felde, Geoffrey de Liletone, Wm. de Bronnard. Seal (a lion passant.)¹

¹ Cf. *Hist. et Carl. St. Petri*, vol. ii. p. 90.

DEEDS RELATING TO HIDE (CO. HEREFORD),
TEMP. HENRY III.

32. Grant by Wm. de Solla and Idonea his wife to the Abbey and Convent of Gloucester of pasture at *Hide* between the moor and Chutmede in exchange for their land called Solmede, to be held at a rent of 2s. Witnesses: Hy. Prior of Hereford, Wm. de Cirencester, the Prior of Stanley, Thos., Dean of Weston, Adam, Dean of Cowra, Peter chaplain of Archill, Master Moyses of Archill (*i.e.* Yarkhill) and Vivian and Lucian his brothers, Roger of Weston, Robert of Hide, Wm. Cook of Hereford, Pontius the clerk, his brother, Stephen the porter.

33. Grant by Wm. and Ydonea de Solla to the Abbey and Convent of Gloucester of four acres of arable near Arnold's land, stretching to the marsh with a meadow called Cuttimede at *Hide* below the moor at a rent of 2s., in return for two marks of silver, and of half an acre, once Ralph White's, near the market, in free almoigne for his soul's health. Witnesses: Adam then Dean of Coura, Robert de Solla his brother, Walter de Egluit, Walter fitz Aliz, Roger de Weston, Peter de Wudemont, Alexr. de Asperton, Walter de Asperton, Arnold the miller, Roger bailiff of la Hide, and Walter his brother.

34. Grant by Wm. and Idonia de Solle to the church and monks of Gloucester of three furroughs at the top of Solcrofte, the spring and its course by Homgate in free almoigne, and confirmation of his father Hugh's grant of a pasture by the road leading from Hide. Witnesses: Adam chaplain of Coure, Thos. Dean of Weston, Master Moyses of Yarculle, Walter fitz Aliz, Odo bailiff of Weston, Robert de la hide, Alexr. de Asperton, Ernald the Miller, Roger, bailiff of la Hide, Walter Thoki, Wm. janitor, Geoffrey de Mattresdon, Philip Carbonel, Wm. sacristan.