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THE County Records Officer of Gloucestershire has kindly given me facilities for studying an early charter of the Kingscote family deposited at his office.¹ It is a regrant by Duke Henry of land at Combe² in Gloucestershire to Nigel, son of Arthur. The text of this charter shows that his uncle, Robert of Caen, Earl of Gloucester, had originally granted this land to Nigel, and that Nigel had provided a *dos nominata*³ with it for his wife, Aldeve, the daughter of Robert fitz Harding. Nigel, son of Arthur,⁴ Aldeve and their heirs were now to hold the land for the service of half a knight which the Duke had granted to Robert fitz Harding together with a general confirmation of any grants made or to be made by Robert to Nigel from his Honour of Berkeley.⁵

This charter must probably be dated between 31 August 1153 and Easter (4 April) 1154, though it is possible that it

¹ *Glos. Records Office Ref. D471*. Deposited by the trustees of the Kingscote Estate. John Smyth, the Steward of the Hundred and Liberty of Berkeley who wrote the history of that house, twice mentions that he saw this charter in the possession of Anthony Kingscote of Kingscote, a descendant of Nigel son of Arthur, who died 26 August 1654. See Smyth, *Lives of the Berkeleys* (ed. Sir John Maclean, Gloucester 1883), vol. 1, p. 58 (written c. 1618) and *Description of the Hundred of Berkeley* (ed. Maclean 1885), p. 252 (written c. 1639 according to a marginal note); Fosbrooke, *Gloucestershire* (1807) 1, 421.

² In Wotton-under-Edge. Smyth, *Lives* . . . , 1, 262; *Description* . . . , 146.

³ See Pollock and Maitland, *History of English Law*, II, 420; For an earlier instance of *dos nominata* see Round, *Ancient Charters* (*Pipe Roll Society*, vol. x, 1888), no 11.

⁴ Ancestor of the Kingscotes of Kingscote, *Glos.*

⁵ For the grant of Berkeley to Robert fitz Harding see *Trans. Bristol & Glos. Arch. Soc.* 1 (1876), 134-6; I. H. Jeayes, *Descriptive Catalogue of the Charters and Muniments in the possession of the Rt. Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge at Berkeley Castle* (Bristol 1892), nos. 1 and 2.

lies within the wider limits of January 1153 to Easter 1154' the period of Henry's last visit to England before King Stephen's death and his accession to the throne of England.¹

Extant original ducal charters of this period are rare² and their texts present some peculiarities. The gift of a golden ring by a married woman in recognition of a grant concerned with her dowry is not unknown in other 12th century charters;³ what is interesting is that the reason for Aldeve's gift is stated: *quia res de suo dotalicio erat*.

A clause of warranty is rarely found in early grants for military service, it first became normal in grants for religious

¹ The period during which Henry first adopted the style 'Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum,' see Delisle, *Recueil des Actes de Henri II* Introductory Volume (Paris 1909), p. 130. All the charters granted in England during this period are dated by Delisle and Berger between January 1153 and the beginning of April 1154—*Recueil des Actes* . . . , vol. I (Paris 1916), nos. LV and LVII to LXIV. But the earliest definite date at which the new style was used is 31 August 1153—*Recueil* . . . , I, no. XLVII. Unless further evidence of an earlier date for the adoption of the new style is forthcoming all the charters bearing that style must be dated after 31 August 1153. The attestations to the present charter would suggest that it was granted at the same time as no. 5 of Jeayes' *Catalogue*

Z. N. and C. N. L. Brooke (*English Historical Review*, vol. LXI) have suggested (pp. 87-9) that Duke Henry's use of the new title—*Dux Aquitanorum*—in the west country might be dated to the early months of 1153. Their arguments are based on the suppositions of his itinerary, that he scarcely had time to visit the west, for example, after the Treaty of Winchester on 6 November (see *op. cit.*, pp. 86-7 for his itinerary from January 1154 to Easter). But the authors of this article admit (p. 87, n. 1) that his west country charters with the new style may mean that Henry took his departure via the West.

² An analysis of the number of originals in Delisle-Berger's *Recueil des Actes*, vol. I, shows that only 21 originals had been found for the time—1150-1154—when Henry was Duke of Normandy. Seventeen of these were in French Archives, four only being preserved in England. To the latter must be added the three ducal charters preserved at Berkeley Castle—Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , nos. 1, 2, and 5. Such figures can only be tentative when Henry's acts in England have still to be collected and edited. Although Delisle-Berger's *Recueil* contained much English material its primary purpose was to bring together the acts which concerned Henry's French possessions. cf. Galbraith, *Antiquaries Journal* XII, 270, note 1.

³ See e.g. Round, *Ancient Charters* (*Pipe Roll Society*, x) nos. 11, 12, and 13; *Cartulary of Rievaulx* (*Surtees Society*, vol. 83), p. 56; Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , no. 73.

purposes.¹ But the clause in the present charter presents another interesting feature. Warranty implied that upon failure to establish a good title the guarantor would give an exchange for the land lost through his default.² This implication of exchange in default of warranty, however, is seldom stated in 12th century charters,³ though a charter of William Earl of Gloucester presents a parallel case.⁴ Such an exchange was sometimes specifically stated to be *ad valentiam*,⁵ and it is probable that Henry's offer to grant ten librates of his demesne to Nigel in default of warranty corresponded with the annual value of the land at Combe. It is remarkable that Henry is prepared to warrant outright past or future grants by Robert fitz Harding to Nigel from the Honour of Berkeley which he had but lately given him,⁶ though he will only guarantee his uncle's grant of Combe as long as he is able to do so.

The military service due from Nigel and Aldeve and their heirs for the land is recorded, and the fact that Duke Henry has granted this service to Nigel's father-in-law—an unusual feature.

The later descent of Combe cannot be traced. A charter recently deposited at the Gloucester Records Office,⁷ however,

¹ F. M. Stenton, *Transcripts of Charters relating to Gilbertine Houses (Lincs. Record Society, vol. 18)*, p. xxviii.

² *Ibid.*

³ For examples see Clay, *Early Yorkshire Charters*, vol. VIII, no. 42 (1138-47); *E.Y.C.* VII, no. 113 (before 1152); *E.Y.C.* V, part II, no. 137 (1170-5); Jeayes, *Catalogue . . .*, no. 18 (1175-80); Clay, *E.Y.C.* VIII, no. 140 (c. 1185-96); *Sir Christopher Hatton's Book of Seals* (ed. L. C. Loyd and D. M. Stenton, Oxford, 1950), no. 68 (late 12th century). I have not found a single example of an exchange in default of warranty clause in the charters printed in Delisle-Berger's *Recueil*.

⁴ A grant for military service c. 1150-9. Loyd and Stenton, *Book of Seals*, no. 213.

⁵ e.g. Jeayes, *Catalogue . . .* no. 18; *E.Y.C.* VII, 113; 'et si cam warentizare non poterimus dabimus eis escambium ad valentiam.'

⁶ *Supra*, p. 56, note 5.

⁷ A charter of Robert fitz Harding to Nigel son of Arthur and his daughter Aldeve (*Glos. Rec. Office, D.471*) (See Appendix no. 1) granting them the manor of Kingscote with appurtenances, etc., for the service of half a knight. This charter, deposited by the trustees of Kingscote at Gloucester at the same time as the ducal charter, may be dated c. 1155. See Smyth (who had seen this deed and the later confirmations of Maurice and Robert of Berkeley. *Description of the Hundred of Berkeley*, p. 251.

shows that Nigel held the manor of Kingscote in Gloucestershire of Robert fitz Harding for the service of half a knight. It is from the descent of this manor that Nigel's descendants can be traced. Nigel attested a charter after the death of his lord, Robert fitz Harding in 1170.¹ His son Adam held Kingscote of Maurice of Berkeley and Robert of Berkeley, and he occurs in charter evidence between *c.* 1175 and *c.* 1220.² Kingscote

¹ Robert died 5 February 1170—*Complete Peerage* II, 125; *Two Compotus Rolls of St. Augustine's Abbey, Bristol Record Soc.*, vol. IX, p. 98, note. Nigel attested a charter of Maurice, son of Robert fitz Harding, between 5 February 1170 and August 1186—F. B. Bickley, *Little Red Book of Bristol* (1900), vol. I, p. 22. (The editor has dated this charter 1170–89, but it must be earlier than Maurice's charter confirming Kingscote to Adam, son of Nigel, in August 1186—Appendix, no. 2. It is possible that Nigel was dead by Michaelmas 1178, for Adam, son of Nigel is alone mentioned in the Pipe Roll ending at that date). (*Pipe Roll* 24 H11, 58) For other references to Nigel see Jeayes, *Catalogue . . .*, nos. 4, 9, 11, 14; *Pipe Rolls*, 2–3–4, H11, pp. 49, 100, 168; *Pipe Roll* 13 H11, 147.

² Jeayes, *Catalogue . . .*, 18, 21, 26, 28, 36, 73, 74, 79, 89, 147, 160, 161, 161B, 162, 192; W. H. Stevenson, *Calendar of the Records of the Corporation of Gloucester* (Gloucester 1893), no. 182. A charter of Maurice of Berkeley grants and confirms: 'Ade filio Nigelli filii Arthuri Nepoti meo donationem quam pater meus fecit patri predicti Ade Aldeve Sorori mee uxori predicti Nigelli de terra de Kingscote sicut carta patris mei testatur . . .', etc. *Glos. Records Office D.471* (See Appendix no. 2). It must be dated after 10 August 1186, the date when William Saltmarsh, one of the witnesses, was consecrated Bishop of Llandaff—*Stubbs, Reg. Sacr. Angl.*, 50. Another of the witnesses, Richard, Abbot of St. Augustine's, Bristol was succeeded in 1186—Rose Graham in *V.C.H. Gloucestershire* II, 79. If the date given for Richard's death in the *Monasticon Anglicanum* is correct (see vol. VI, pt. I, 364), it may be dated between 10 August and 1 Sept. 1186. In the *Pipe Rolls* of 3 & 4 *Rich. I* he is mentioned under Gloucestershire as *Adam f. Nigelli de Kingscota*. See also Jeayes, *op. cit.*, no. 246. For other references to Adam see *Pipe Rolls*, 3 to 7 *John*, pp. 56, 281, 203; 231–2; 105. Robert of Berkeley again confirmed Kingscote to Adam for the service of half a knight in a charter (*Glos. Rec. D.471*) (See Appendix no. 3) which can only be dated between 16 June 1190 and 13 May 1220, the dates of the deaths of Maurice of Berkeley and his son Robert. (*Complete Peerage* II, 126). Adam's brother was Maurice, son of Nigel—see Jeayes, *Catalogue . . .*, nos. 162 and 192. Maurice probably lived a few years longer than his brother for he attested a charter of Thomas of Berkeley, *op. cit.* no. 168. He held land of the fee of Roger (IV) of the Dursley Berkeleys. Roger (IV) had married Elena, daughter of Robert fitz Harding—Jeayes, *op. cit.* pp. v, VII, and no. 4—at Wanswell, a mile to the north of Berkeley Castle. J. H. Cooke in *Trans. Bristol & Glos. Arch. Soc.*, VI, 311–32. Jeayes, *Catalogue . . .*, no. 21.

then passed to his son or nephew Nigel (II) of Kingscote who held it in the middle of the 13th century.¹ Between c. 1284 and 1286 it was held by Nigel's brother Richard.² In 1311 it was in the hands of Richard's son, Nigel (III) of Kingscote.³

The charter bears further testimony to the good relations between Robert fitz Harding and Duke Henry. Robert fitz Harding a wealthy burgher of Bristol of which he became Reeve, lord of the abbey of St. Augustine at Bristol, had risen to fame by his support of Robert, Earl of Gloucester.⁴ It is likely that he met Henry when he was brought to Bristol by his uncle in 1142 or during the next year when the young Henry was learning his letters at Bristol Castle under the care of Master Mathew.⁵ A late medieval tradition at Bristol suggests that Robert fitz Harding assisted Duke Henry's third visit⁶ to England in 1153 'with his golde and silver to the susteigning of his arms'.⁷ His help was amply repaid. In 1153⁸ the non-payment of a fee-farm rent was used as a pretext by Henry to deprive Roger of Berkeley of the royal manor of Berkeley and to grant it to Robert fitz Harding with the valuable rights of

¹ Stevenson, *Calendar of the Records of the Corporation of Gloucester*, no. 462. Smyth asserts that this Nigel was the nephew of Adam Fitz Nigel (*Lives of the Berkeleys*, I, 58) and that he was the son or nephew of Adam is suggested by his confirmation of a grant to Kingswood Abbey which had originated in a grant by Adam. Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , nos. 246 and 383 (see also nos. 204 and 216).

² *Feudal Aids*, II, 241; *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem*, II, 357; Smyth, *op. cit.*, I, 58.

³ Stevenson, *Cal. . . . Records Glos.*, no. 794. For Nigel (III) see also Smyth, *op. cit.*, *loc. cit.*; Jeayes, *op. cit.*, p. 275. He died before 5 May 1326 and his lands went by wardship to Thomas (III) Lord of Berkeley, owing to the minority of his heir, his son William. His lands included 'one messuage and one carucate of land in Kyngescote which are worth per annum 60s.' See *Inq. Post Mortem, Glos.* (*British Record Society* 1910), v, 192-3.

⁴ Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , no. 5; Sir John Maclean in *Trans. B.G.A.S.*, III, 245-6.

⁵ Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, p. 407, note 6. For Master Mathew, see also A. L. Poole, in *English Historical Review*, XLVII (1932), pp. 449-50. Henry paid a visit to Normandy and Anjou in 1143-4 (*op. cit.*, 450-2).

⁶ Round: *op. cit. Appendix Y*, pp. 405-10; Delisle, *Recueil*. Intro., 121.

⁷ *Ricart's Calendar* (c. 1466-79), ed. L. T. Smith. *Camden Soc.* (1872), p. 21.

⁸ *rectius*—between 31 August 1153 and 4 April 1154.

a market and a mint and permission to build a castle there.¹ About the same time, when Roger of Berkeley would not content himself with Dursley, but was attempting to regain Berkeley from Robert fitz Harding, Henry played a notable part in their reconciliation through a marriage contract arranged at Robert's house in Bristol.² Between January and the end of August 1153, the Duke confirmed a grant by Robert to St. Augustine's abbey at Bristol.³ And he did not forget Robert when he became King.⁴

The attestations may be considered in two groups: the local men of Gloucestershire, and secondly, the followers of Duke Henry. In the first group was Hubert *Dapifer*, no doubt the steward of Robert, Earl of Gloucester and his son Earl William. Some of his attestations to their charters are known,⁵ and he would naturally be present at an occasion which involved the confirmation of a grant by Robert, Earl of Gloucester. Robert de Sautemareis would come from Henbury which in the Middle Ages was known as Henbury-in-the-Saltmarsh.⁶ A man of this name occurs in the Pipe Roll of the 31st year of Henry I.⁷ He attested a charter of Robert, Earl of Gloucester,⁸ and several

¹ Sir Henry Berkeley in *Trans. B. & G. Arch. Soc.*, VIII, 205; There were two separate grants; see Jeayes, *op. cit.*, nos. 1, 2, 3. Berkeley was to be held for a *servicium debitum* of one knight or 100 shillings yearly (*op. cit.*, no. 2). This was soon increased to a *servicium* of five knights—see Robert fitz Harding's *carta* of 1166 in the *Red Book of the Exchequer*, p. 298, and Queen Eleanor's confirmation to Maurice of Berkeley—Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , no. 34.

² Jeayes, *op. cit.*, no. 4.

³ Delisle-Berger, *Recueil des Actes* I, XLIX, 55–6. The text is there given from the *Monasticon* and two *inspeximus* of Edward II and Edward IV. The original, although badly mutilated, still survives in the library of the Dean and Chapter at Bristol Cathedral. (Delisle and Berger reported it to be lost). Its text differs slightly from that printed in the *Recueil*.

⁴ See *e.g.*, Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , nos. 5 and 6; Bickley, *Little Red Book of Bristol* I, 22–3.

⁵ *Trans. B. & G. Arch. Soc.*, III, 245–6; Loyd and Stenton, *Book of Seals*, nos. 212, 213; Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , no. 15; Delisle-Berger, *Recueil* . . . , I, XLIX.

⁶ I owe this identification to a kind suggestion of Mr Irvine Gray, who points out that Simon *de Salso Marisco* held half a knight's fee of the manor of Henbury in 1208. (See *Index—Book of Fees*.)

⁷ *Pipe Roll*, 31 Henry I, p. 77.

⁸ *Trans. B.G.A.S.* III, 245–6.

Berkeley charters¹ granted about the same time as the present charter. He would seem to have been alive at Michaelmas, 1167.² In the middle of the 13th century his descendants³ still appear in charters of the Lords of Berkeley.

The remaining attestations are those of the followers of the Duke. Here appears Henry's faithful steward, Manasser Biset who attested his lord's acts between c. 1153 and c. 1176⁴ and gave his name to the Wiltshire village of Coombe Bisset.⁵ It is interesting to see Henry d'Oilly⁶ in the company of the young Duke Henry, for his father, Robert d'Oilly, after being the supporter and Constable of King Stephen, in 1141 threw open the gates of Oxford to the Empress Maud and espoused her cause.⁷ Hugh *de Piris*—that is to say of Periers⁸ attested three other charters during Henry's fourth visit to England.⁹ He returned to Normandy at Easter 1154, and he attested

¹ Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , nos. 2, 4, 6, 15.

² *Pipe Roll*, 13 *Henry II*, 148.

³ He seems to have been succeeded in the 13th century by three brothers, perhaps, his sons, Adam, Henry and Elias—Jeayes, *op. cit.*, no. 23. For them and other members of the family see indexes to Jeayes' *Catalogue* . . . , Stevenson's *Calendar*, *Little Red Book*, and the three 12th century charters in *Glos. Rec. Office D.471* (See Appendix nos. 1-3). William Bishop of Llandaff (1186-1191) was a member of the family.

⁴ Delisle, *Recueil des Actes*. Introduction, pp. 403-4.

⁵ See, e.g. *Pipe Roll* 34 *Henry II*, 139, 229.

⁶ Nephew of Robert d'Oilly the Domesday tenant-in-chief, see A. S. Ellis in *Trans. B.G.A.S.* IV, 155; Salter, *Cartulary of Oseney*, vol. I, no. 1 (*Oxford Hist. Soc.* t. LXXXIX, 1929); *Oxford Charters*, no. 42, etc. Soon after Henry's accession he became a royal constable (e.g. *Cart. Oseney* II, 195). In the *Pipe Roll of 2 Henry II* (p. 35) he was Sheriff of Oxfordshire. He attested another charter granted at Berkeley which must belong to the same period as the Combe charter—Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , no. 5. He died 11 October 1163—Salter, *Oxford Charters*, no. 75, note. The Oilly family probably came from Oully-le-Basset in the Calvados (arrondissement Falaise, canton Falaise). Round, *V.C.H. Bucks.* I, 213. This commune is now suppressed and reformed as Pont-d'Oully, Dép. Calvados, arr. Caen, cant. Falaise nord.

⁷ Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, pp. 65, 171, note.

⁸ Delisle, *Recueil* . . . Introduction, 393. Perhaps Périers, dép. Manche, arr. Coutances. There are also several places in Calvados of this name—C. Hippeau, *Dictionnaire Topographique . . . du Calvados* (Paris 1883), p. 217.

⁹ Jeayes, *Catalogue* . . . , no. 5; Delisle-Berger, *Recueil* . . . , I, LVII, 66; LXII, 70.

charters of King Henry II to c. 1170¹ Geoffrey de Brucourt would seem to have come from Brucourt² in Normandy in the modern department of the Calvados,³ but charter evidence would suggest that some of his lands lay in the Cotentin in the modern department of the Manche.⁴ His appearance in the list of witnesses to the present charter is important, for it is the only known instance of his attestation to a charter granted in England, though he may be the Geoffrey *de Briocurt* who appears in the Pipe Rolls between 1156 and 1176.⁵ Geoffrey attested a ducal charter at Rouen before Henry sailed for England in January 1153,⁶ and two other charters in Normandy after his visit to England.⁷ Pain Carbonell witnessed a ducal charter at Berkeley about the same time as the grant to Nigel, son of Arthur.⁸ Nothing more is known of him except that he may have still been alive in 1172.⁹ Henry *Hosatus* attested another ducal charter at Berkeley.¹⁰ He is very probably to be

¹ Delisle-Berger, *Recueil des Actes*, I, LXX, 77; LIX, 161, etc. *Recueil . . .*, I, p. 442—*cf.* pp. 445, 496 and 548.

² Arrondissement Pont-l'Évêque, cant. Dozulé.

³ See Haskins, *Norman Institutions* (Cambridge, Mass., 1918), p. 325, no. 6.

⁴ He made grants to the priory of Ste.-Barbe-en-Auge with the consent of Richard, Bishop of Coutances (1151-*ante* 1183) of the church of St. Mary of Savigny (Manche, arr. Coutances, cant. Cerisy-la-Salle), land near Placy (Manche, arr. St. Lô, cant. Torigny), demesne *apud Poteriam* (unidentified), a mill at Saussey (Manche, arr. & cant. Coutances), (where also he had woods, lands and vavassors), and lands at Tourville (Manche, arr. Valognes, cant. Montebourg), and at Foucarville (Manche, arr. Cherbourg, cant. Ste.-Mère-Église), of which he held the fourth part. (*Recueil des Actes*, I, cccxxvi, 473). For these grants to the priory of Ste.-Barbe-en-Auge (To-day a hamlet in the Calvados, commune Écajeul, cant. Mézidon, arr. Lisieux), see Delisle-Berger, *Recueil . . .*, II (Paris 1920), DCCLVI, 404-5.

⁵ *Cf.* Delisle: *Recueil . . .* Intro., 371.

⁶ Delisle-Berger, *Recueil des Actes*, I, XL, 46.

⁷ *op. cit.*, I, CCCLXXXVII, 518; Haskins, *Norman Institutions*, p. 325, no. 6.

⁸ Jeayes, *Catalogue . . .*, no. 5. Unfortunately, Jeayes neither gave the Latin text of this charter, nor indicated Henry's precise style.

⁹ A charter by Richard, Bp. of Coutances, dated at Coutances, 10 March 1172 is attested—*inter alios*—'Pagano et Hugone Carbonellis'. *Recueil . . .*, I, CCCCL, 583.

¹⁰ Jeayes, *op. cit.*, no. 5.

identified with the man of that name who held a fief at Littleton¹ in Wiltshire in 1166.² His name appears in the Pipe Rolls between 1156 and 1169, but he seems to have died before Michaelmas 1178.³

CHARTER OF HENRY, DUKE OF NORMANDY⁴

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum. omnibus archiepiscopis. Episcopis Comitibus. Baronibus justic(iariis). Vicecomitibus. ⁊ omnibus suis fidelibus Francis ⁊ anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse Nigello filio arturi terram de cūma quam Robertus Comes Gloecestrie meus avunculus ei prius dederat. ⁊ quam ipse nigellus uxori sue Ald(eue) filie roberti filii Hard(ingi) in dotaliciū dederat. ⁊ concessi ei ⁊ uxori suę ⁊ heredibus suis⁵ terram illam per servicium dimidii militis quamdiu eis garantizare illam⁶ potero. Si vero non possem eis illam garantizare decem libratas terre de meo domanio eis in excambium inde per idem servicium darem et servicium illud roberto filio hardingi concessi. ⁊ propter recognitionem huius donationis. nigellus dedit mihi xl. marcas argenti. ⁊ uxor eius quendam anulum aureum. quia res de suo dotalicio erat: Preterea concedo eidem nigello ⁊ suis heredibus quicquid Robertus filius Hard(ingi) ei dedit vel dabit vel de honore Berchel' vel de aliis tenementis suis. ⁊ hec supradicta ⁊ omnia alia tenementa sua nigello ⁊ suis heredibus pro posse meo rationabiliter Garantizabo; T(estibus). Manass(ero) bis(et) dapifero. Roberto filio Hard(ingi). Mauricio filio eius. Henrico de oilleio. Hug(one) de piris. Gauf(rido) de bruercourt. Pag(ano) Carbonell(o).

¹ In the parish of Lavington-Bishops.

² *Red Book of the Exchequer*, (R.S.) 247, cf. 245.

³ *Pipe Roll 22 Henry II*, p. 175: 'Idem vicecomes redd. comp. de xxjil. de firma de Littleton' quam Henricus Hose Habuit'. This entry is repeated to the Roll of 34 Henry II. Henry Hose gave land in Sussex to the canons of the priory of Harting—*Recueil des Actes*, I, CLXIII, 292-3.

⁴ *Glos. Records Office D.471*.

⁵ *Suis* interlined.

⁶ Almost illegible.

Henrico hos(ato). Huberto dapifero Rob(erto) de Saltemareis. Apud Berchel'.

[Parchment folded. Single slit. Sealed à double queue. Tag for seal. Seal missing. Endorsed: (Later hand and in different coloured ink) Robt. fitz Harding; (and in a hand c. 1200 and the same coloured ink as the charter) Nigelli filii Arturi].

APPENDIX

(1) R. (obertus) filius Hard'. filiis suis. 7 Amicis. et Hominibus suis francis. 7 Anglis. presentibus 7 futuris? Salutem. Sciatis me dedisse 7 Concessisse. 7 confirmasse Nigello filio Arth.(uris) 7 Aldeue filie mee in feudo 7 hereditate sibi 7 heredibus suis tenendum de me? 7 de heredibus meis Kingescote cum Omnibus appenticiiis suis. in Bosco. 7 Plano. in pratis. 7 Pascuis. 7 in Omnibus Aliis locis. Et volo 7 precipio. quod ipsi Manerium illud in bono. 7 in pace. 7 libere. 7 quiete. 7 honorifice teneant. per servicium Dimidii Militis. cum Omnibus libertatibus. 7 liberis Consuetudinibus? eidem Manerio pertinentibus. ita integre 7 plenarie? sicut melius fuit tempore Regis Henrici prioris. T.(estibus) Domina Eva. 7 Mauricio filio meo. 7 Hunfrido Britone. 7 Osberto le martre. 7 Waltero filio Alberti. 7 Adam de Saltemareis, 7 Helya de Saltemar'. 7 Ernaldo de Saltem'. 7 Henrico de Saltem'. 7 Willelmo filio Helye. 7 Roberto de Hanis. 7 Radulfo de Dantesi. 7 Waltero de Beunecumbe. 7 Ricardo Guion.

(2) Maur(icius) de Berchal' filius Roberti filii Hardingi. filiis suis 7 Amicis. 7 hominibus suis francis 7 Anglis presentibus 7 futuris? salutem. Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse Ade filio Nigelli filii Arthuri Nepoti meo donationem quam pater meus fecit patri predicti Ade. 7 Aldeue Sorori méé uxori predicti Nigelli de terra de Kingescote. Sicut Carta patris mei testatur ut prenomatus Adam 7 heredes eius habeant 7 teneant manerium de Kingescote integre 7 plenarie de me 7 de heredibus meis. cum omnibus pertinenciis suis 7 libertatibus 7 consuetudinibus suis. Bene 7 in pace libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice in Bosco 7 plano. in pratis 7 pascuis. in Aquis. in viis. 7 omnibus aliis locis per servicium Dimidii Militis pro omni servicio. 7 ego Maur(icius) de Berchal' cepi homagium predicti Ade filii Nigelli de predicta terra de Kingescote. His t.(estibus) Willelmo Episcopo Land'. Ricardo Abbate Sancti Augustini de Brist'. Ricardo canonico. Magistro Maur.(icio) Adam de Sautemar' tunc. Seneschallo. Waltero Giffard. Mauricio filio Nigelli. Willelmo de Sautemar'. Radulfo filio Rogeri. Ricardo de Santescumb'. Petro de Haia. Roberto Duket. Laurentio de Bocour'. Joselino Kote.

(3) Robertus de Berk' omnibus hominibus suis ⁊ amicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ hec mea carta confirmasse. Ade filio Nigelli villam de Kingescote cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. in bosco. ⁊ in plano. in pratis ⁊ pascuis. in aquis ⁊ molendinis. in viis ⁊ semitis. ⁊ in omnibus locis. cum omnibus libertatibus ⁊ liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre de Kingescote pertinentibus tenendam ⁊ habendam sibi ⁊ heredibus suis de me ⁊ heredibus meis. libere ⁊ quiete. integre ⁊ honorifice. faciendo mihi Servitium dimidii militis pro omni servicio sicut Carta patris mei Mauricii testatur. Et ego Robertus de Berk' humagium predicti Ade mihi. cepi. T.(estibus) hiis. Petro de Scudim'. Adam de Sautemar'. Willelmo le Mansel. Bernardo de Croni'. Bernardo de Stanes. Bartholomeo de Olepenn'. Bernard de Bropest'. Herding' de Hunteneford. Reginaldo de Grosint'. Magistro Maur.(icio) Mauricio filio Mauricii. Willelmo fratre eius. Mauricio filio Nigelli. Roberto le Bastard. Hugone de Crom'. Waltero capellano.