

John de Cotton

John de Cotton keeper of the avowries of the king in Cheshire, sued Matthew de Hephales to be in avowry. He claimed that Ranulph, Matthew's father, had been in avowry, rendering 3d a year, but that Matthew, who should have borne the charge after his father's death, had withdrawn; and should pay £40 for contempt.

Matthew appeared and said that neither his father nor any of his ancestors had been in avowry. A search of the avowry rolls was made, but the names of Matthew and Ranulph were not found. The jury therefore dismissed Cotton's claim was dismissed and he was amerced.

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M' alibi

Math's de Heppehales attach' fuit ad respond' Johanni de Coten' custod' aduocar' d'ni Reg^s in Com' Cestris' qui sequitur p^r d'no Reg', de eo q'd cum idem Math's esse debeat in aduocaria d'ni Reg' Reddendo inde d'no Reg' tres denarios p^r annu', ac Ran's de Heppehales pat^r p^r d'ci Math'i. cuius heres ip'e est fuit in aduocar' p^r d'ca redd'o p^r annu' tres denar'. cuius onus. idem Math's. vt filius ei^s sustinere debeat. Idem Math's. se de p^r d'ca aduocar' iam subtraxit. & denarios p^r d'cos. eidem d'no Regi p^r aduocaria p^r d'ca. annuatim redd'e. cont^d dicit in contemptu' d'ni Reg' manifestu'. et dampnu' ip'ius d'ni Reg' quadraginta libr'. & hoc +idem Joh'es+ offert v^rificare p^r d'no Rege &c'

Et p^r d'cus Math's. venit. Et dicit. q'd p^r d'cus Joh'es. iniuste nititur ip'm onerari de aduocar p^r d'ca. Quia dicit q'd p^r d'cus Ric'us pater suus +n^c aliquis an'cessor^r suor^r + nu'cq^am fuit in aduocaria d'ni Reg^s. nec. aliquem denariu' eidem d'no Regi p^r aduocar. reddidit, nec ip'e in aduocar illa vncq^a extitit. nec esse debet, & de hoc ponit se sup p^riam &c'.

Et quia huiusmodi v^rificac'o. sup seisinam d'ni Reg^s. no'. est admittenda, quousq' constat Cur' vtrum nomen p^r d'ci Ric'i p^ris ip'ius Math'i. seu alicuius an'cessor' ei^s. in Rotulis de aduocar' fit insertu' nec ne. I'o +dat' est eis dies vsq' ad px' Com' &+ int^rim scrutent^r Rotuli & inqⁱsic'oes. Et nich'o^s p^rceptu' est vic'. q'd venire fac' ad px'm Com' .xij. &c' p^r quos. &c'. Et p^r d'cm Math'm n'lla affinitate &c'. ad faciend' imde Inqⁱsico'em. &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^artis px^a post festu' S'ce Lucie vx'is ⁷¹ven' tam p^r d'cus Joh'es. custos. &c'. qⁱ sequit^r p^r d'no Rege. q^am. p^r d'cus. Math's. et si'lit^r .xij. &c'. Et quia scrutatis Rot'lis. aduocar', nomen p^r d'ci. Math'i nec Ric'i p^ris sui. in eisdem Rotulis no' inue'itur insert'm. Ideo capiat^r inqⁱsic'o. an de iure. in aduocar' d'ni R^s esse debeat. seu aliquis an'cessor^r. ei^s in aduocar' illa exstif'it nec ne; — Jurat' dicu't Sup sacr'm suu'. q'd p^r d'cus Ric'us. pat^r p^r d'ci Math'i nec aliquis an'cessor^r suor^r p^r q^o onus aduocar' supportare debeat. nu'cq^a fu'nt in aduocar' d'ni Reg' seu Com', nec idem Math's in aduocar' illa de iure esse debet nisi. sponte se inde on^rari volu'it. I'o. cons' est. q'd p^r d'cs. Math's eat inde qⁱetus. saluo Iur' Reg' cu' alias &c'. Et p^r d'cus Custos in m'ia. &c'.

12 November 1308 John Cotton, keeper of the king's avowries, sued Robert de Henshaw to be in avowry. He claimed that Orme de Hagg, Robert's father, had been in avowry, rendering 4d a year, but that Robert, who should

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have borne the charge after his father's death, had withdrawn; and should pay £40 for contempt.

Robert appeared and said that neither Orme his father nor any of his ancestors had been in avowry. A search of the avowry rolls was made, but the names of Orme and Robert were not found. The jury therefore dismissed Cotton's claim was dismissed and he was amerced.

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M'ia alibi

Rob'us de Henschagh'. attach' fuit ad respondend' eidem Joh'i Custodi &c'. qui sequit' p d'no Rege. de eo q'd cum idem Rob'us esse debeat in aduocar' d'ni Regis reddendo inde d'no Regi. q^atuor. denarios p annu', ac Orme de Haghe pat' ip'ius Rob'i cuius heres ip'e est fuit in aduocar' p'd'ca reddendo p annu' q^atuor denar'. Cuius onus idem Rob'us vt filius eius sustin'e debeat; idem Rob'us se de p'd'ca aduocar' iam subtraxit, & p'd'cos denar' eidem d'no Regi pro aduocaria p'd'ca annuatim reddere contradicit in contemptu' d'ni Reg's manifestu' & dampnu' ip'ius d'ni Reg's quadraginta libr', Et hoc +idem Joh'es+ offert v'ificare p d'no Rege &c'.

Et p'd'cus Rob'us venit. Et dicit. q'd p'd'cus Joh'es ip'm iniuste de aduocaria p'd'ca nititur on'ari Quia dicit q'd p'd'ca Orme pater suus nec aliquis an'cessor suor nu'cq^a fu'nt in aduocar' d'ni Reg's nec aliquo denariu' eidem d'no Regi pro aduocaria reddid'u't nec ip'e in aduocaria illa extitit nec esse debet & de hoc ponit se sup p'riam. &c'. Et qa hui'smodi v'ificac'o sup seisinat' d'ni Reg's no' est admittenda quousq' cur' cercioret' p Rot'los aduocar' vtru' nome' p'd'ci. Rob'i. seu p'd'ci Orme p'ris sui seu alicui' an'cessor' p q^o. &c' in p'd'cis Rotulis fu'it insertu'. nec ne, Ideo dat' est eis dies vsq' a px'm Com' &c' Et in'rim scrutent' Rot'li. &c'. Et nich'o's p'ceptum est vic'; q'd venire fac' ad px'm Com' .xij. &c'. p quos &c'. Et q' p'd'cm Rob' n'lla affinitate. attingant. &c'. ad faciend' inde Inquisic'oem. &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^artis px' post festu' S'ce Lucie v'g'is ⁷² ven' tam p'd'cs Joh'es custos &c'. q'm p'd'cs Rob'. et sil'r .xij. &c'. Et qa sc^utatis Rot'lis aduocar' nome'. p'd'ci Rob'i. nec Ormi. p'ris sui in eisdem Rot'lis no' inuenit' insertu' Ideo capiat' inq'sic'o. an de Jure in aduocar' d'ni Reg's esse debeat n^c. ne seu aliq's an'cessor' suor in aduocar' extit'it p quo. &c' — Jur' dicu't sup sacr'm suu'. q'd p'd'cs Orm' p'r ip'ius Rob'i. nec aliq's an'cessor suor p quo ide' Rob's onus aduocar' supptare debeat; nu'cq^a fu'nt in aduocar' d'ni R', seu Com', nec idem Rob's in aduocaria illa de Jure esse debet nisi sponte inde se on'are volu'it. I'o cons' est q'd p'd'cs Rob'. inde q'etus. Saluo Jure d'ni R' alias &c'. Et p'd'cs Custos in m'ia

12 November 1308 John Cotton, keeper of the royal avowries, sued Richard de Hull to be in avowry. He claimed that Orme, Richard's father, had been in avowry, rendering 3d a year, but that Richard, who should have borne the charge after his father's death, had withdrawn; and should pay £40 for contempt.

Robert appeared and said that neither Orme his father nor any of his ancestors had been in avowry. A search of the avowry rolls was made, but the names of Orme and Richard were not found. The jury therefore dismissed Cotton's claim was dismissed and he was amerced.

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M'ia alibi

Ric'us de Hull. attach'. attach' ⁷³ fuit. ad respond'. eidem Joh'i. custodi. &c' qui sequit' p d'no Rege de eo q'd cum q'dam Orme pat' ip'ius Ric'i in aduocaria d'ni Reg^s extitisset Reddendo eidem d'no Regi. p aduocar' illa. tres. denarios p annu' Et idem Ric'us fil' p'd'ci Orme in aduocaria illa esse debeat & onus illius aduocarie p p'd'co Orme sustinere; idem Ric'us se de aduocaria p'd'ca iam subtraxit. & p'd'cos denar' eidem d'no Regi p aduocaria p'd'ca redd'e cont^a dicit. in contemptu' d'ni Regis manifestum. & dampnu' ip'ius d'ni Reg^s quadraginta libr'. Et hoc +idem Joh'es+ offert v'ificare p d'no Rege &c'. Et p'd'cus Ric'us venit. Et dicit q'd idem Joh'es ip'm iniuste de aduocaria p'd'ca +nititur+ on'ari. Quia dicit q'd p'd'cus Orme pat' suus nec aliquis antecessor' suor nu'cq^a fu'nt in aduocar' d'ni Reg^s nec alique' denar' eidem d'no Regi p aduocar' p'd'ca reddidit nec ip'e in aduocar' illa vn'q^a fuit. nec esse debet. Et de hoc ponit +se+ sup p'riam. &c'. Et qa hi^s v'ificac'o no' est admittend' &c' quousq' constet Cur'. vtrum nome'. &c'. Datus est Dies vsq' ad px'm Com' &c' Et int'im scrutent' Rot'li &c'. Et nich'o^s p'ceptu' est vic' q'd venire fac'. ad px'm Com' .xij. &c'. p quos. &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^artis px^a post festu' S'ce Lucie virg'is. ⁷⁴ ven'. ta' p'd'cs Joh'es Custos &c' q^a p'd'cs Ric'us & si'lit' .xij. &c'. Et qa sc^tatis Rot'lis aduocar' nome' p'd'ci Ric'i n^c p'd'ci Ormi p'ris sui in eisde' Rotulis non inuenit'. Ideo inq^sic'o inde capiat' an de Iure in aduocar' d'ni Reg^s esse debeat seu aliq's an'cessor' suor p q^o ide' Ric's. onus aduocar' supportare in aduocar' illa extit'it nec ne — Jur' dicu't sup sacr'm suu'. q'd p'd'ci Ric'i, nec aliquis an'cessor' suor p quo &c' nu'cq^a fu'nt in aduocar' d'ci d'ni R^s seu Com', nec idem Ric'us in aduocaria illa de iure esse debet; nisi gratis se velit inde onerare I'o cons' est q'd p'd'cs Ric's inde q'etus Saluo Iure R^s alias &c'. Et p'd'cs Custos in m'ia.

On 12 November 1308 John Cotton, as keeper of the king's avowries, sued Richard de Pexall to be in avowry. He claimed that William Etwood, Richard's father, had been in avowry, rendering 3d a year, but that Richard, who should have borne the charge after his father's death, had withdrawn; and should pay £40 for contempt.

Robert appeared and said that neither William his father nor any of his ancestors had been in avowry. A search of the avowry rolls was made, but the names of William and Richard were not found. The jury therefore dismissed Cotton's claim was dismissed and he was amerced.

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M' alibi

Ric'us de Pexhull attach' fuit. ad respond'. eidem Joh'i. custodi. &c' q' seq't' p d'no Rege de eo q'd cum q'dam Will's Etewode pat' ip'ius Ric'i in aduocar' d'ni Regis extitisset. reddendo eidem d'no Regi. p aduocar' illa tres denarios p annu', et idem Ric'us fil' p'd'ci Will'i in aduocaria illa esse, & onus illius aduocarie p p'd'co Will'o p're suo sustinere debeat; idem Ric'us se de aduocaria illa iam se subtraxit, & p'd'cos denar' eidem d'no Regi p aduocar' p'd'ca redd'e cont^a dicit, in co'temptu' d'ni Reg^s manifestu' & dampnu' ip'ius d'ni Reg^s quadraginta libr' &c'. Et hoc +idem Joh'es+ ofert v'ificare p d'no Rege &c'

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Et p^rd'cus Ric'us ven'. Et dicit q'd idem Joh'es iniuste nititur ip'm on'ari de aduocaria p^rd'ca onerari ⁷⁵ Quia dicit q'd idem Will's pater suus, nec aliquis an'cessor' suor nu'cq^a fu'nt in aduocar' d'ni Reg^s, nec aliquem denariu' eidem d'no Regi p aduocaria p^rd'ca reddidit, nec ip'e in aduocaria illa vnq^a fuit. nec esse debet. Et de hoc ponit se sup p'riam. &c'. Et qa huiusmodi v'ificac'o no' est admittenda &c'quousq' constet Cur'. vtru'. &c'. datus est datus ⁷⁶ vsq' ad px'm Com' &c'. Et int'im sc^utent' Rot'li &c'. Et nich'o^s p^rceptu' est vic' q'd venire fac' ad px'm Com' .xij. &c'. p quos. &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^rtis px^a post festu' S'ce Lucie virg'is. ⁷⁷ ven' ta' p^rd'cs Joh'es custos &c'. q^a p^rd'cs Ric'us & si'lit' .xij. &c'. Et qa sc^utatis Rot'lis aduoc'. nome' p^rd'ci Ric'i nec Will'i p'ris sui in eisde' no' inuenit' insertu'. Ideo capiat' inde inquisic'o. an de iure in aduocar' illa esse debeat seu aliq'is an'cessor' suor p. q^o. &c'. extit'it in aduocar' illa nec ne — Jur' dicu't sup sacr'm suu'. q'd p^rd'cus Will's p'r p^rd'ci Ric'i, nec aliquis an'cessor' suor p. quo &c'. nu'cq^a fu'nt in aduocar' d'ni Reg^s nec Com' nec ide' Ric'us in aduocar' illa esse debet nisi voluntarie se velit inde onerare I'o cons' est q'd p^rd'cus Ric's inde q'etus. Saluo Iure R^s al' &c'. Et p^rd'cs Custos in m'ia.

The same day Cotton sued Henry de Henshaw to be in avowry. He claimed that William, Henry's father, had been in avowry, rendering 3d a year, but that Henry, who should have borne the charge after his father's death, had withdrawn; and should pay £40 for contempt.

Henry appeared and said that neither William his father nor any of his ancestors had been in avowry. A search of the avowry rolls was made, but the names of William and Henry were not found. The jury therefore dismissed Cotton's claim was dismissed and he was amerced.

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M' alibi

Henr' de Henschagh' attach' fuit ad responde'd' eidem Joh'i. custodi. &c' qui sequit' p d'no Rege de detenc'oe aduocar' d'ni Reg^s vnde idem Hugo ⁷⁸ dicit cum quidam Will's pater ip'ius Henr' in aduocaria d'ni Reg^s extitisset. reddendo inde d'no Regi p aduocaria illa. tres denarios p annu', et idem Henricus vt filius p^rd'ci Will'i. in aduocaria illa esse debet, & onus illius aduocar' p p^rd'co Will'o p're suo sustinere debeat; idem Henr' de aduocaria illa iam se subtraxit, & p^rd'cos denar' eidem d'no Regi pro aduocaria p^rd'ca redd'e cont^a dicit, in co'temptu' d'ni Reg^s manifestu'. & dampnu' ip'ius d'ni Reg^s q^adraginta libr'. Et hoc offert v'ificare pro d'no Rege &c'.

Et p^rd'cus Henr' venit. Et dicit q'd p^rd'cus Joh'es iniuste nititur ip'm de aduocar' p^rd'ca on'ari. Quia dicit q'd p^rd'cus Will's pat' suus nec aliquis an'cessor' suor nu'cq^a fu'nt in aduocaria d'ni Reg^s. nec aliquem denariu' p aduocaria illa eidem d'no Regi reddidit, nec ip'e in aduocaria illa nu'cq^a extitit, nec esse debet. & de hoc ponit se sup p'riam &c'. Et qa hui'smodi v'ificac'o no' est admittenda &c'quousq' constet Cur'. vtru'. &c'. datus est eis dies vsq' ad px'm Com' &c'. Et int'im scrutent' Rot'li &c'. Et nich'o^s p^rceptum est vic' q'd venire fac' ad px'm Com' .xij. &c'. p quos. &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^rtis px^a post festu' S'ce Lucie virg'is ⁷⁹ ven' ta' p^rd'cs Joh'es Custos &c' Et si'lit' .xij. &c'. Et qa sc^utatis Rot'lis

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aduocar' &c'. nome' p^rd'ci Henr' n^c Will'i p^ris sui in eisde' no' inuenit^r insertu'. Ideo cap^r inde inqⁱsic'o. an idem Henr' in aduocar' de lure esse debeat. seu aliqⁱs an'cessor' suor^r pro quo. &c'. extit^rit in aduocaria illa nec ne — Jur' dicu't sup^r sacr'm q'd p^rd'cs Will's p^r p^rd'ci Henr', nec aliquis an'cess' suor^r p^r quo &c'. nu'cq^a fu^rnt in aduocar' d'ni R^s seu Com'. nec ip'e in aduocar' illa esse debet nisi voluntarie se velit inde onerare. Id'o cons' est q'd p^rd'cs Henr' inde qⁱetus. Saluo lure d'ni R^s alias &c' Et p^rd'cs custos in m'ia

12 November 1208 John Cotton, as keeper of the king's avowries, sued John le Cooper to be in avowry. He claimed that Richard, John's father, had been in avowry, rendering 43d a year, but that John, who should have borne the charge after his father's death, had withdrawn; and should pay £40 for contempt.

John appeared and said that neither Richard his father nor any of his ancestors had been in avowry. A search of the avowry rolls was made, but the names of John and Richard were not found. The jury therefore dismissed Cotton's claim was dismissed and he was amerced.

21:180 [12 November 1308]

M'. alibi

Joh'es le Couper attach' fuit ad respond' eid'm Joh'i custod' &c' qui sequit^r p^r d'no Rege. de eo q'd cum. quidam Ric'us Le Coup pat^r ip'ius Joh'is in aduocaria d'ni R^s extitisset, reddendo inde p^r annu' — iiij^{or}. denar' eidem d'no Regi p^r aduocaria p^rd'ca. Et idem Joh'es Le Couper in aduocaria illa esse, & onus illius aduocar' p^r p^rd'co Ric'o p^rre suo sustinere debeat; idem Joh'es Le Couper. de aduocaria illa ia' se subtraxit. Et p^rd'cos q^atuor denar' p^r annu' eidem d'no Regi p^r aduocaria p^rd'ca redd'e cont^adicat, in co'temptum d'ni R^s manifestu' & da'pnu' ip'ius d'ni R^s quadraginta Libr'. Et hoc idem Joh'es custos &c' offert v^rificare p^r d'no. Reg'. &c'.

Et p^rd'cus Joh'es ven'. Et dicit q'd p^rd'cus Joh'es custos. &c'. iniuste nititur ip'm de aduocaria p^rd'ca on^rari. Quia dicit q'd p^rd'cus Ric'us pat^r suus. nec aliquis an'cessor' suor^r nu'cq^a fu^rnt in aduocar' d'ni R^s. nec alique' denar' eidem d'no R' p^r aduocaria p^rd'ca. eidem d'no Regi reddid', nec ip'e in aduocaria illa vncq^a extitit, nec esse debet Et de hoc ponit se sup^r p^rriam &c'. Et qa huiusmodi v^rificac'o. sup^r seisina' d'ni Reg^s no' est admittend'. quousq' constet Cur' vtrum nomen. &c'. Datus est eis dies vsq' ad p^rx'm Com' &c'. Et int^rim scrute^rt^r rot'li &c'. Et nich'o^s p^rceptum est vic'. q'd venire fac' ad p^rx'm Com' .xij. &c' p^r quos. &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^artis p^rx^a post festu' s'ce Lucie virg'is ⁸⁰ ven'. tam p^rd'cs Joh'es Custos q^a p^rd'cs. Joh'es. & si'lit^r .xij. &c'. Et qa sc^utatis Rot'lis aduoc' nome' p^rd'ci Joh'is nec Ric'i p^ris sui in eisdem no' inuenit^r insertu'. Ideo capiat^r inde inqⁱsic'o. an p^rd'cs Joh'es de lure in aduocaria R^s esse debeat. seu aliqⁱs an'cess' suor^r p^r quo. &c'. in aduocar' illa extit^rit nec ne — Jur' dicu't sup^r sacr'm suu' q'd p^rd'cs Ric'us p^r p^rd'ci. Ric'i,⁸¹ nec aliquis an'cessor' suor^r p^r quo. &c'. nu'cq^a fu^rnt in aduocar' d'ni R^s seu Com'. nec ide' Joh'es in aduocar' illa esse de lure esse debet nisi sponte se volu^rit inde on^rare. I'o cons' est q'd p^rd'cus Joh'es le Coup inde sine die. Saluo Iur' R^s alias &c' Et p^rd'cs c^stos in m'ia

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⁸¹ sic

These disastrous lawsuits initiated by John de Cotton were all nullified by reference to the avowry rolls. And yet these rolls had supposedly previously been in the possession of the keeper (10:136).

The same day Cotton sued Richard le Shepherd on the basis that everyone settling in the earldom should be in avowry and pay a certain agreed amount each year; that Richard had been settled there for eight years but had paid nothing, and should pay £40 for contempt.

Richard acknowledged that he was a newcomer, but said that that was no reason for him to be in avowry. It was not the custom of the country that every new settler be in avowry, except in the case of fugitives from justice for felonies committed elsewhere. He himself was born in Derbyshire, and lived there as a law-abiding man, and came into Cheshire as a law-abiding man living in the peace and loyalty of the king. The jury agreed that Richard was born in Derbyshire, lived there as a law-abiding man, and that he had not moved to Cheshire on account of any crime elsewhere; and that the custom of the country was not that any newcomer should be in avowry. Cotton was amerced.

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M'. alibi

Ric'us Le Shepehird attach' fuit ad respondend' eidem Joh'i Custodi, qui sequit' p d'no Reg'. de eo q'd cum om'es aduenticii infra potestatem & dominiu' +Regis+ Comit' Cestr' ve'ientes. in aduocaria d'ni Com' esse debeant & denarios s'cdm Maius. & minus. put cu' custodib's aduocar' p'd'car co'uenire poteru't +d'no R' annuati' redd'e debeant+. idem. Ric'us. aduenticius est & moratur infra potestatem & d'nium Com' Cestr'. & infra p'pate' illa' ia' steterit p octo annos. & amplius & se de aduocaria illa subtraendo; alique' denar' d'no Com'. p aduocar' illa redd'e cont'adicit in Contemptum d'ni +R's+ Com' manifestu' ++ dampnu' ip'ius +R's+ Com' quadraginta libr'. Et hoc ofert v'ificare p d'no Reg'. &c'. Et p'd'cus Ric'us venit. Et bene cognouit q'd ip'e aduentitius est, et dicit q'd hac de causa in aduocare d'ni. Com'. esse no' debet, Quia dicit +q'd no' est consuetudo p'rie+ q'd. om'es aduenticii. aduocaria' d'ni Com' s'bire debent. nisi tantu' fugitiu qui fugam fec'int de aliis terris & potestat' ppt' felonia' co'missam, & ut ven'int s'b potestate & d'no p'd'ci Com'. moratur'. Et dict. q'd ip'e natus fuit in Com' Derby' & ibi co'uersat' fuit vt legal' ho'. & in ptib^s istis venit vt legal' h'o. existens ad pacem & fidem d'ni Reg's., & no' vt fugitiu ppt' aliqua' felonia' aliunde ppet'am. Et quesitus. qual'r se velit inde acq'etare q'd no' vt fugitiuus ppt' felonia'. alibi co'missam rac'one refugii h'endin in ptib^s istis venit moraturus; dicit q'd no' ob illam c'am nec ppt' aliquod delictu' alibi co'missu', immo. vt fidelis. & legalis & lib' eundi & redeundi p vna'quamq' t'ram. & de hoc ponit se sup p'riam. &c'. I'o p'ceptu' est vic' q'd venire fac'. ad px'm Com' .xij. &c' p quos &c' — Postea ad Com' die M'rtis px^a post festu' S'ce Lucie ⁸² ven'. ta' p'd'cs Joh'es custos &c' q'm p'd'cs Ric'us & si'lit' .xij. &c'. Qui dicu't sup sacr'm suu'. q'd p'd'cus Ric'us. Nat' fuit in Com' Derby'. & venit in ptib^s istis vt legal' & fidelis. & no' vt fugitiuus ppt' aliqua' felonia' alicubi f'cam. Et dicu't. q'd no' est consuetudo in ptib^s Cestris'. q'd om'es alieni. seu aduenticii sint in aduocaria d'ni. R's. nisi tantu' illi. qui +fugitiui sunt &+ ven' infra potestate' Com' ad h'end' ibi refugiu' ppt' aliqua' felonia' aliunde f'cam. uel aliud delictu' p quo infra potestate'. Com'

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moratur^s intendit Et q̄a comptu' est q'd p^rd'cs Ric'us. in ptib^s Cestr' venit vt fidel' & legal'. & no' ut fugitiuus ppt^r aliquod delictu'. co'missu' in aliqua p'ria. et q'd ex consuetudi'e no' debet esse in aduocar' &c'. Ideo p^rd'cs Ric'us inde q'etus. & p^rd'cs Custos in m'ia

In November 1309 John de Cotton filed a recognizance to pay £47 to the justice of Chester for the farm of the avowry for one whole year.

22:192 [25 November 1309]

Joh' de Coton & Adam del Schawe. Henr' del Thyknes. Adam le Pker. Will' fil' Hamon' de Wystaneston'. Will' de venables Rob'tus de Bulkyl'. Thom' de Crawenache. Thom' de Qwelok, Henr' de Crawenache Thom' Monnyg. Hugo de Toft. Will'us de Pulle. Will' de Wylberh^am. Ric' starky de Cumberbache. Gilb' Dodefyn Ric' de Munschull & Rog^r de Toft; cognou'unt se debere Pagano Tybot Justic'o Cestr'. Quadraginta septe' libras p^r fir^a aduocar' d'ni R. Com' Cestris' a festo Nat' d'ni anno Reg' nu'c T'cio, vsq' ad id'm f'm p^rx' sequ', videl't p^r vnu' annu' integrum soluend' ad f'm Nat' d'ni p^rx' futur'. Et nⁱ fec'it; concedit q'd vic' fieri fac' de +terr' &+ Catall' &c'

On 6 February 1310 John de Cotton senior went into the home of William son of Nicholas de Henbury in Willaston, and took away a basin, worth 40d. In court John said that he was the keeper of the king's avowries; that one Hugh Head, William's grandfather, had been in avowry, paying 4d a year; and that William, as Hugh's next heir, was due to pay the 4d, but refused, so he took the basin.

William said that his grandfather's name was Hugh del Church, not Hugh Head. A search of the avowry rolls was made, but the names of William and Hugh were not found. The jury therefore dismissed Cotton's claim and he was amerced; but the court then forgave him the amercement.

22:489 [31 March 1310]

p^r. e'. no. .q't.

.m'ia. c̄d^r q̄a Minist' d'ni .R^s.

Joh' de Coton' senior attach' fuit ad respond' Will' fil' Nich' de Hendebury de pl'o capc'oīs & detenc'oīs vni^s peluis Et vnde id'm Will' q^rr q'd p^rd'cus Joh' die ven' p^rx' post f'm Pur' b'e Mar' anno Reg^s nu'c t'cio ⁸³ apud Wylaston' in domo p^rd'ci Will'i cepit q^amda' peluim ip'ius Will' & illam iniuste detinuit & adhuc detinet vn' dic' q'd def'iorat^s e' & dampnu' h'et ad valenc' q^adragint' den' & inde pduc' sectam &c', & petit inde delib'ac'oem &c'

Et p^rd'cs Joh' ven' & def' vim & iniur' q'n &c'. & tanq^a custos aduoc' d'ni Reg^s aduocat capc'oem esse iusta' &c' Dic' eni' q'd p^r inquis' coram eo captam co'ptu' fuit q'd quid' Hugo Heued auus p^rd'ci Will' fil' Nich' cui^s her' ip'e e' de sang'ne fuit in aduoc' d'ni Reg^s, Redd'o d'no Regi p^r aduoc' p^rd'ca q^atuor den' p^r annu', post c^s morte' id'm Will'us tanq^a her' p^rd'ci Hug' ppinquior onus p^rd'ce aduocar' supportare debeat. Et quia id'm Will' aduoc' p^rd'cam d'no Regi redd'e noluit; Id'm Joh' tanq^a Custod' &c' p^r q^atuor den' de aduoc' p^rd'ca aretro existentib^s, p^rd'cam peluim cepit sicut ei bene licuit, Et ita aduocat capc'oem iustam no'ie d'ni Reg^s &c'

⁸³ Friday 6 February 1310

Et p^rd'cus Will' dicit q'd auus suus vocabat' Hug' del Chirche & no' Hug' Heued, & dic' q'd p^rd'cus Hug' auus suus nec eciam Nich'us p^rr suus nu^q fuerunt in aduocar' d'ni Reg^s nec alique' den' d'no Regi p^r p^rd'ca aduoc' reddiderunt, nec ip'e in aduoc' illa esse debet & de hoc ponit se sup^r p^riam. Et qa sup^r aduoc' d'ni Reg^s hui^smo'i verificac'o no' est admittend' quousq' sciat' vt^m nom' p^rd'ci Hug' seu Nich' p^rris p^rd'ci Hug' in rotulis aduoc' sit insertum nec ne; id'o scrutent' rotuli de aduoc' &c'. Et qa scrutatis rotul' aduocar' nom' p^rd'ci Hug' seu Nich'i in eisd'm no' est inuentum. Id'o p^r. e' vic' q'd venir' fac' ad px' Com' .xij. &c'. p^r quos &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^{rt}s px^a p^s f'm s'ci Joh' an' portam Latina',⁸⁴ veniu't ta' p^rd'cs Will' q^a p^rd'cs Joh' & si'lr .xij. qui dicu't sup^r sacr'm suu' q'd p^rd'cs Hug' auus⁸⁵ p^rd'ci Will'i vocabat' Hug' del Chirche, & no' fuit i' aduocar' d'ni R^s. nec Nich' p^rr ei^sd' Will' n^c id'm Will' i' aduoc' p^rd'ca fuer't n^c de iure id' Will' e'e debet, n^c aliq'd onus aduocar' p^r p^rd'co Hug' Heued subportare, id'o cons' est, q'd p^rd'cs Will' h'eat p^rd'cam peluim sua' delib'ata' & sit inde quiet^s, & p^rd'cs Joh' i' m'ia

On 6 February 1310 John de Cotton senior went into the home of Adam Deykyn in Willaston, and took away a basin, worth 40d. In court John said that he was the keeper of the king's avowries; that Richard, Adam's father, had been in avowry, paying 3d a year; and that Adam, as Richard's next heir, was due to pay the charge, but refused, so he took the basin.

Adam said that his father had never been in avowry. A search of the avowry rolls was made, but Richard's name was not found. The jury therefore dismissed Cotton's claim and he was amerced; but the court then forgave him the amercement.

22:490 [31 March 1310]

no'

.p^r.e'. q't

.M'ia.cd^r qa

Joh'es de Coton' senior attach' fuit ad respondend' Ad' Deykyn de pl'o capc'ois & detenco'is vni^s peluis. Et vnde id'm +Ad'+ Deykyn qr^r. q'd p^rd'cus Joh' die ven'is px' post f'm Pur' b'e Mar' anno Reg^s nu'c t^rc'o⁸⁶ apud Wylaston' in domo p^rd'ci Ade cepit q^amdam peluim ip'ius Ade & illam iniuste detinuit & adhuc detinet vnde dic' q'd def'iorat^s e' & dampn' h'et ad valenc' quadrag' den', & inde pduc' sectam &c' & petit inde delib'ac'oem &c'.

Et p^rd'cs Joh' ven' & def' vim & iniur' q'n &c', & tanq^a custos aduoc' d'ni Reg^s aduocat capc'oem — iusta' &c'. Dic' eni' q'd p^r inquis' coram eo captam comptu' fuit, q'd quid' Ric's Deykyn p^rr ip'ius Ad' cui^s her' ip'e est fuit in in⁸⁷ aduoc' d'ni Reg^s redd'o d'no Regi p^r annu' p^r aduoc' p^rd'ca tres den' post cui^s morte' id'm Ada' her' p^rd'ci Ric' ppinq^ror onus p^rd'ce aduocar' supportare debeat. Et qa id'm Ad' aduoc' p^rd'cam redd'e noluit; — Id'm Joh' tanq^a custos &c' p^r t^rb^s den' +de+ aduoc' p^rd'ca aretro existentib^s p^rd'cam peluis cepit sic' ei bene licuit. Et ita aduocat capc'oem iustam no'ie d'ni Reg^s &c'.

Et p^rd'cus Ad' dic' q'd Ric^s p^rr suus nuq^a fuit in aduoc' d'ni Reg^s nec aliquem den' d'no Regi p^r d'ca aduocaria reddidit, nec ip'e in aduocar' illa esse debet, & de hoc ponit se sup^r p^riam. Et qa sup^r aduoc' d'ni Regis hui^smo'i verificac'o non est admittend', quousq'

⁸⁴ Tuesday 12 May 1310

⁸⁵ sic

⁸⁶ Friday 6 February 1310

⁸⁷ sic

sciat^r vt^m nom' p^rd'ci Ade aut Ric'i in rotulis aduocariar sit insertu' nec ne; Id'o scrutent^r rotul' de aduoc' &c'. Et qa scrutatis rotulis aduoc' nom' p^rd'ci Ric'i seu Ade in eisd'm non est inuentum. I'o p^r e' vic' q'd ven' fac' ad px' Com' .xij. &c' p quos &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^art^s px' p^s f'm s'ci Joh' ad Porta' Latina' px' sequ' ven' ptes & si'lr .xij. Q ui dicu't sup sacr'm suu', q'd p^rd'cus Ric^s Daykin p'r p^rd'ci Ade nu' q^a fuit in aduocar' d'ni R^s. n^c id'm +Ad'+ de iure e'e debet, Id'o cons' est, q'd p^rd'cus Ad' h'eat peluim sua' delib'ata' & sit inde quiet^s, & p^rd'cus Joh' in m'ia.

On 6 February 1310 John de Cotton senior went into the home of John Deykyn of Henbury in Willaston, and took away a dish, worth 40d. In court John said that he was the keeper of the king's avowries; that Matilda, John Deykyn's mother, was a newcomer, and of her own free will had put herself in avowry, paying 3d a year; and that John Deykyn, as Matilda's heir, was due to pay the charge; 3d was in arrear, so he took the dish.

John Deykyn said that his mother was not a newcomer, but had been born in Mollington; she never put herself in avowry. The jury agreed, and amerced Cotton.

22:491 [31 March 1310]

.p^r.e'. no'. q't

Joh' de Coton' senior att' fuit ad respond' Joh'i Deykyn de Hendebur' de pl'o capc'ois & detenc'ois cuiusda' patelle Et vnde id'm Joh' Deykin q'r q'd p^rd'cus Joh'es die ven'is px^a post f'm Pur' b'e Mar' anno Reg^s nu'c t'c'o⁸⁸ apud Wylaston' in domo p^rd'ci Joh'is cepit q^amdam patellam ip'ius Joh' & illam iniuste detinuit & ad huc detinet vnde dic' q'd def'ioratus est & dampn' h'et ad valenc' quadrag' den' & inde pduc' sectam &c' & petit inde delib'ac'oem &c'.

Et p^rd'cs Joh' +de Coton'+ ven' & def' vim & iniur' q'n &c', & tanq^a custos aduoc' d'ni Reg^s aduoc' capc'oem — iustam &c'. Dicit eni' q'd p^r inquis' coram eo capta' comptu' fuit, q'd quedam Maltid⁸⁹ Mat' p^rd'ci Joh'is +Deykyn+ aduenticia fuit, & de f'co suo pp'o se on'abat' de aduoc' d'ni Reg^s redd'o p annu' p aduoc' p^rd'ca tres den' ~~p-annu'~~ post cui^s morte', id'm Joh'es +Daykyn+ vt fil' & her' p^rd'ce Matild' onus p^rd'ce aduoc' supportare debeat. Et qa tres den' de aduoc' p^rd'ca aref^o fu'unt die capc'ois p^rd'ce aduoc' capc'om iustam &c' no'ie d'ni Reg' &c'.

Et p^rd'cus Joh' Deykyn dic' q'd p^rd'ca Matild' Mat' sua non fuit aduentitia. immo nata apud Molynton', & nu'q^a se on'ab' de aduoc' d'ni Reg^s nec in illa aduoc' fuit, nec ip'e in aduoc' esse debet & de hoc ponit se sup p'riam. Et qa sup seis' d'ni Reg^s hui^smo'i verificac'o non est admittenda, quousq' sciat^r vt^m nom' p^rd'ce Matild' in rotulis aduoc' sit insertum n^c ne; id'o scrutent^r rotuli aduoc' &c'. Et qa scrutatis p^rd'cis rotulis nom' p^rd'ce Matild' in eisd'm no' est inuent' Id'o p^r e' vic' q'd ven' fac' ad px' Com' .xij. &c', p quos, &c'. Postea ad Com' die M^art^s px^a post f'm s'ci Joh'is an' Portam Latina'⁹⁰ px' sequ', ven' ptes & si'lr .xij. +&c'+ qui dicu't s'r sacr'm suu', q'd Matild' Mater p^rd' Joh' nata fuit ap^d Molinton' & no' fuit aduenticia, nec vnq^a se on'baat' v's^s D'nm. R^s. de aliq^o aduocaria nec vnq^a i' aduoc' d'ni. R^s. exstitit, nec id'm Joh' +Daykyn+ in aduoc' illa de iure e'e debet, Id'o cons' est q'd p^rd'cs Joh' Daykin h'eat patella' sua' deliberatam & sit inde quiet^s, et p^rd'cs Joh' in m'ia. tam p iniusta detenc'oe q^am p iniusta capc'oe d'ce patelle

⁸⁸ Friday 6 February 1310

⁸⁹ sic

⁹⁰ Tuesday 12 May 1310

On 5 March 1310 in Runcorn, John Cotton seized a mare belonging to Adam de Runcorn at Adam's house and drove it to his own home. On 31 March 1310 Adam sued him in the county court, claiming 10s damages.

John claimed, as keeper of the king's avowries, that when Hugh de Fowlshurst was keeper, Adam had of his own free will entered into avowry, paying twopence a year to the king. The twopence was now in arrear, so John had seized the mare.

Adam said that he had never entered into avowry before Hugh or before any other keeper. A jury was to be summoned; but the outcome is not on the record.

22:494 [31 March 1310]

p^r e'

Joh' de Coton' senior attach' fuit ad respond' Ade de Ronkore de pl'ito quare cepit quodda' Jum'tu' ip'ius Ad' & illud iniuste detinuit &c'. Et vnde id'm Ad' q'r q'd p'd'cs Joh' die M'cur' p'x' post f'm S'ci Cedde anno regni Regis nu'c t'cio ⁹¹ apud Ronkore ad domu' ip'ius Ad' & illud fugavit vsq' ad domu' p'd'ci Joh' & ibi illud iniuste detinuit & adh' detinet cont^a vadiu' &c', vnde dic' q'd def'iorat^s est & dampnu'h'et ad valenc' dece' solidor & inde pduc' sectam &c'. Et p'd'cus Joh' ven' & def' vim & iniur' q'n &c', & tamq^a Custos aduoc' d'ni Reg^s in Com' Cestr' aduoc' capt' iust' &c', qa dic', q'd id'm Ad' g^atis & spontanea voluntate cora' Hug' de Fouleshurst nup custod' aduoc' &c'. p'decessore ip'i^s Joh' int^auit se in aduoc' d'ni Reg^s, & se on'abat' de duob^s den' d'no Regi p annu' reddend' p aduoc' p'd'ca. Et qa duo den' aref^o fu'unt die capc'o'is &c' aduoc' capc'om iusta' &c'. no'ie d'ni Reg^s &c'. Et p'd'cs Ad' dic', q'd ip'e coram p'd'co Hug' nec coram aliquo alio custod' aduoc' &c'. int^auit se in aduoc' p'd'ca nec se on'abat' de aliquo den' d'no Regi redd'o p aduoc' p'd'ca, & de hoc ponit se sup p'riam, & p'd'cs Joh' si'lr Id'o p^r. e'. vic' q'd ven' fac' ad p'x' Com' .xij. &c'. p quos &c'

William son of Stephen Grus was attached to answer the king why he had withdrawn himself from the king's avowry. John de Cotton, the keeper of the avowries, stated that Stephen Grus had been in avowry, paying 4d a year, and that William his son and heir for four years and more had withdrawn from avowry, in contempt of the king 100s.

William said that it was true that one Stephen Grus had been in avowry; but his own father's name was called Stephen le Young, and that his father had never been in avowry. A search of the avowry rolls showed that Stephen Grus had been in avowry; therefore William should remain in avowry, unless he was able to prove otherwise.

22:629 [12 May 1310]

reman' on'at^s

Will's fil' Steph'i Grush attach' fuit ad respond' d'no Regi de pl'ito quare se sub^axit de aduocar' d'ni Reg^s &c'. Et vn' Joh'es de Cotoun Custos aduocar' &c' qui sequit' p d'no

⁹¹ Thursday 5 March 1310

rege dicit, q'd cu' Steph' Grush p'r p'd'ci Will'i cui^s heres ip'e +est+ dum vixit extitit in aduocar' d'ni reg^s, redd' d'no regi p aduoc'r' p'd'ca. quatuor den' p annu', Et p'd'cus Will's ut fil' & heres p'd'ci Steph'i onus aduocar' p'd'ce supportare debeat, Et id'm Will's de aduocar' illa iam p quatuor annos & ampli^s se subt^axit in co'te'pt' d'ni reg^s Cent' solid' &c'.

Et p'd'cus Will's ven' & dicit. q'd licet Steph's Grush in aduocar' d'ni reg^s extitisset, p hoc ip'm de aduocar' p Steph'o Grush subportand', on'ar' no' debet, Quia dicit q'd p'r suus vocabat^r Steph's le Yunge & no' Steph's Grush, nec id'm Steph' le Yungge p'r suus nuq^am fuit in aduocar' d'ni reg^s nec aliq'm den' d'no regi p aliq^a aduocar' reddidit, nec ip'e in aduocar' illa de iure esse debet et de hoc ponit se s'r p'riam &c'.

Et p'd'cus Joh'es pro d'no reg' dicit, q'd p'd'cus Will's co'gnit^s est p fil' Steph'i Grush, nec sit aliu' Will'm fil' Steph'i Grush tali no'ie cognitu' in Com' Cestris', nisi ip'm,

Et q'd Steph's Grush p'r p'd'ci Will'i fuit in aduocar' d'ni reg^s, vocat inde ad warr' Rotulos de aduocar' &c'. Et quia scrutatis rot'lis aduocar' d'ni reg^s nomen Steph'i Grush in eisd'm inuentu' est, I'o p'd'cus Will's remaneat in aduocar' d'ni r'g^s supportand' onus aduocar' ⁹² p'd'ce, Nisi docere pot'it aliu' t'li no'ie cognit' qui onus illud supportare debeat &c'.

12 May 1310 Robert son of Ranulph de Crowton was attached to answer the king why he had withdrawn himself from the king's avowry. John de Cotton, the keeper of the avowries, stated that Ranulph the father had been in avowry, paying 4d a year, and that Robert as son and heir should now bear the charge, but for four years and more had withdrawn from avowry, in contempt of the king 100s.

Robert that his father had never been in avowry. However, a search of the avowry rolls showed that Ranulph had been in avowry; therefore Robert should remain in avowry, unless he was able to prove otherwise.

22:630 [12 May 1310]

reman' on'at^s

Rob'ts fil' Ran' de Crouton' attach' fuit ad respond' d'no regi de pl'ito, quare se subt^axit de aduocar' d'ni reg^s &c'. Et vn' Joh'es de Cotoun Custos aduocar' &c', qui sequit^r pro d'no Rege, dicit, q'd cu' Ran' de Crowton' p'r p'd'ci Rob'ti cui^s heres ip'e est, du' vixit, extitit in aduocar' d'ni reg^s redd' d'no regi pro aduocar' p'd'ca, quatuor den' p annu', et p'd'cus Rob'ts ut fil' & h'rs p'd'ci Ran' onus aduocar' p'd'ce supportare debeat, id'm Rob'ts de aduocar' illa iam p quatuor annos & amplius se subt^axit in conte'pt' d'ni reg^s Centu' solid' &c'.

Et p'd'cus Rob'ts ven' & dicit, q'd Ran' p'r suus nu'q^am fuit in aduocar' d'ni reg^s nec ip'e de Jure in aduocar' illa esse debet et de hoc ponit se s'r p'riam, Et quia hi^s verificac'o sup seisis' d'ni reg^s no' est admittend' quousq' sciat^r, vtru' nomen p'd'ci Ran' in rot'lis aduocar' sit insertu' nec ne, I'o scrutant^r rot'li aduocar' &c'. Et quia scrutat^r rot'lis aduocar', nome' Ran' de Crouton' in eisd'm inuent' est; I'o pred'cus Rob'ts remaneat in aduocar' d'ni reg^s supportand' onus p'd'ce aduocar', Nisi docere pot'it, aliu' t'li no'ie co'gnit', qui onus illud supportare debeat &c'

⁹² sic