

Hartford

The abbot of Vale Royal sued Hugh de Fowlshurst and Silcok de Clive for having 23 December 1306 at Hartford, in a place called Hartford Heath, seized a cow belonging to the monastery, had driven it to Hugh's house in Wych Malbanc [Nantwich], and kept it.

Hugh and Silcok came to court and said that Hugh was keeper of the earl's avowries in the county (see above, sub ADLINGTON); that a certain John le Bailer, who was in the earl's avowry, had died, and that they had taken the cow as a heriot, i.e. as John's best beast, according to the custom of the avowries.

The abbot retorted that the cow had indeed belonged to John le Bailer, but John was not in the avowry, and in fact had bequeathed the cow to the abbey after his death. The abbot asked that the matter be looked into by a jury; but the justice said that, as the matter touched on the king's seisin, it could not be admitted until it had been shown by a search of the records whether the name of John or of any of his ancestors was inserted in the avowry roll. Judgment on this was deferred until at least November 1307, after which the matter disappears from the county court records.

19:155 [8 August 1307]

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Abbas de Valle Regali op se u^r sus Hug' de Fough'lishurst, & Siloc de Clyue de pl'ito q^are cepunt quandam vacca' sua' & iniuste detinueru't &c' Et ip'i non ven' & h'ueru't die' hic ad hunc Com' p^resson' suu' &c' I'o. p^r est vic' q'd distr' eos p^r om's t^ras &c' Et q'd de exit' &c' Et q'd h'eat corpa eor^r hic ad p^rx'm Com' &c'

20:35 [19 September 1307]

Scrutent^r rotuli aduocar'

Hug' de Fougleshurst & Silecok de Cliue attach' fueru't ad respond' Abb'i de Valle Regali de pl'o capc'ois cui^sd' vacce ip'ius Abb'is Et vnde q' q'd die ven'is p^rx' an' f'm Natal' d'ni Anno R' R'. E p'ris d'ni E. Regis nu'c Tricesimo qⁱnto ap'd H'rteford¹² in quod' loco q' vocat' Hertefordeheth cepit quamd' vaccam ip'ius Abb'is et eam fugauit vsq' ad domu' sua' ap'd Wycu' Malbanu' & eam detinuit cont^a vad' &c'. q^ousq' &c' vnde dicit q' def'iorat^s est et dampnu' h't ad valenc' &c'. Et inde ducit sectam &c'.

Et p^rd'ci Hug' & Silecok veniu't + & def'+ vim & iniuria' quando &c'. Et p^rd'cs Hug' respond' p^r se & p^rd'co Silecok et b'n aduocat d'cam capc'om & iuste. Quia dicit q' ip'e est Custos aduocariar^r d'ni Regis in Com' isto. Et q' quidam Joh' Le Bailer cui^s p^rd'ca vacca fuit nup^r obiit & fuit in aduocar' p^rd'ca. p^r q'd ip'e cepit d'cam vaccam tamqua' Melius au'iu' ip'ius Joh'is q'd p^rinebat ad d'nm Rege' post Morte' ip'ius Joh'is rac'oe consuetudi's aduocar' p^rd'ce. Et sic aduocat &c' no'ie d'ni Regis &c'.

Et p^rd'cs Abbas dic' q' p^r hoc p^rd'cam capc'om iustam aduocar' no' potest. Quia dicit q' postq^m p^rd'ca vacca fuit ip'ius Joh'is Id' Joh' legauit eid'm Abb'i p^rd'cam vaccam & +q+ ip'e fuit in possessione eiusd' die capc'ois p^rd'ce. Dicit eciam q'd d'cs Joh' no' fuit in Aduocar' p^rd'ca. Et hoc petit q' inquirat^r p^r pat'am. Et qa videt^r Cur' q' hui^smodi v'ific' p^r pat'am sup^r seysinam Regis no' est admittenda, quousq' constet Cur' vt^m nome' d'ci Joh' u'l

¹² 23 December 1306

*alicui^s antecessoris sui cui^s heres &c' sit insertu' int^r alia no'ia in rotulo aduocar' +....
Inqⁱsic'ois+ seu id' Joh' p^r +aliq^am+ inquisic'om pⁱus captam disrac'onat^s sit e'endi in
aduocar' p^rd'ca nec ne; I'o datus est dies ptib^s p^rd'cis de audiend' Judiciu' suu' ad px' Com'
&c' Et interim scrutent^r rotuli &c' & inquisic'oes &c'*

20:178 [7 November 1307]

p^rce p^rciu'

*Dies datus est Abb'ti de valle Regali quer'. & Hugon' de Fouleshurst & Silkoc de
Clyue de audiend' Judic'o suo de pl'ito capc'ois cuiusdam vacce. vsq' ad px'm Com'. Et
int^rim scrutentur Rot'li & inqⁱsic'oes de aduocar'.*