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ARCHDEACONS OF CHESTER

The diocese of Coventry and Lichfield comprised the counties of Cheshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire, the northern parts of Warwickshire and Shropshire, the southern part of Lancashire, and a handful of Welsh parishes. Within this, the archdeaconry of Chester comprised Cheshire, the Welsh parishes, and Lancashire between Ribble and Mersey.

The archdeacons of Chester do not appear as part of the judicial apparatus in these plea rolls except in the first surviving roll, in 1260.

Cadogan de Holdley appealed Richard de Broomhall for having on Saturday 29 May 1260 made a premeditated assault upon William de Worlaston, his nephew, in the fields of Worlaston and killed him with arrow and axe. Broomhall appeared, but, showing his tonsure, claimed that he was a cleric and not subject to lay justice. However, earlier in the day he had appeared in court in lay clothes and answered the justiciar as a layman, and as a man of the seneschal had been claimed by twertnic, and thereby renounced clerical privilege. Nevertheless, the archdeacon and ordinary claimed Broomhall as their clerk and replevied him to the liberty of Holy Church; should Cadogan wish to pursue the matter, then he should take it to the ecclesiastical courts.

1:198: 13 July 1260

T^rminat^r

Cadogan de Holdleg' App'llat Ric' de Brumhale quod ip'e nequit' in felunu' con^a pace' d'ni insult' p'cogitato die sabat' in vig' s'ce t'nitatis Anno xl.iiij.¹ Will'm de Weliston' nepote' suum in campis de Werliston' cu' q^ada' sagitta & securi felonice int'fecit & h' optulit disr'onandu' per corp^s suum. D'cs Ric' defendidit u'bo ad u'bu'. & dic' quod in foro layco respondere de Jure no' deb' quia cl'icus est & coronam ostendit ad h' iustic' quod pⁱuilegio cl'icali gaudere no' debet eo q'd pⁱus eod' die vocat^s c^puit in h'itu layci & ad calu'pn' Justiciari in ead'm causa respondit vt laic^s & vt homo senescalli & ad lib'tatem suam. scil't. p twertniht & +sic+ pⁱuilegio cl'ici renu'ciauit nec de cet'o eo gaudere debet in eadem c'a ad iudiciu'. Cadog' inuenit pl'g' ps'. s. Rob' Du & Houa fil' Filipp'. Tandem Archid' & ordinar' ip'm ut cl'icu' ad lib'tat' sacre s'ce ecc'e repl. ut cl'icu' suu'. Tandem ad Com' pximu' Cadogan com^puit ad appl'acoem suam ps'. Et p^rceptu' fuit quod ip'e Kadogan querimoniam reo sequebat^r coram ordin'.

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On 10 December 1259 after the death of David de Malo Passu, a division was made of his property between his daughters, Idonea wife of Urian de Sancto Petro and Beatrix wife of William son of Robert Patrick: but Urian and Idonea objected to the division as being unfair. The justice referred to a record from the court from the time of Gilbert Talbot, but Urian and Idonea said that they had agreed to a reasonable division, and this was unreasonable. Moreover, they produced letters from John le Breton, the earl's seneschal, saying that a decision made by the earl in council should not be overthrown by the county court.

1:2: 18 November 1259

P^rceptu' est om'ib^s Juratis ad extenc'om t^rrar qdam d'ni d'd de malo passu faciend' int^r Will' Patric & Be^ricem vx' suam & Vrianu' de s'co Petⁱ & Ydone vx' suam q'd corpor' & catall' ac teneme't' sua psonalit' acced' Inf^a ad d'cas t^rras extendendas & diuidend' Et eciam d'no Edward' & consilio suo p^risum fuit & p^rcept' & ad p^rx' Com'uri & c^rtificaturi execuco'is & d...is p^r eos f^rcam

1:7: 18 November 1259

Memorand' quod die M^rcur' p^rx' p^s festu' s'ci Nic' Anno xliiij.² compuer't coram Justic' apud Cestr' Will's fil' Rob' Pat^rk psonalit' & Beat^rx vx' eius vna filiaru' & h'edu' David de Malopas' p^r atornatu'. Vrianus de s'co Pet^o + psonalit' + & Idonia ux' ei^s + alia filiaru' p^rd'ci David + p^r attornatu'. Comparuer't eciam subsc^ripti qui electi fuer't coram d'no Hug' de Leyburn' vice' d'ni Eduard' gerente & concessu & assensu p^rd'ca ad extentam & particio'm faciend' de t^rris & ten' que fuer't David de Malopas'. int^r filias & hered' p^rd'cas Alan' de Windhul Ric' de Ermitagio. Pat^rk' de Hesilwell Will' de Karinton' Will' Walensis Rob' le [Lorimer] de Rode Th'm de Coteg^aue Hug' de Berniston' Rond' de Horton' Rob' de Waleya. Rob' de Wininton' Rog^r le [Bar] comparuisse't diligent^r requisit' examinat' & amonit' fuer't a Justic' ut in h^ac pte p^udent^r & iuste se h'erent cren^r. Ip'i vero factu' suu' in p^rmissis manutentes. coram Justic' p^rsentauer't quasd' extentas & p^rtciones de & ten' in sc^riptis sepatim reductas Ita quod in vno sc^ripto continebat^r quod vni p^rti deberet accid'e p^rtin' optuleru't quod sⁱ fuit p^risum'. Tande' consultis p^rtibus p^rd'cis Vrianus p^r se & Idonea ux' sua respondent q'd p^rsc^ripti sⁱ in m^rltis p^riudicaueru't ip'm ...ientes ex quibusd' t^rris & ten' vn' saysit' fuit & homagiu' tamen quia p^rcepto d'ni sui .C. & eius Justic' necno' & p^risio'm d'cor iuratoru' noluit cont^adic'e pte' p^risa fuit libent^r recipet & s^c ps sua p^r iuratores p^rd'cos sⁱ fuit lib'ata. p^sea p^r eosd' iuratores oblata fuit Will' Pat^rk & Beat^rci vx' sui ps sua que eos deberet conting'e. Ad quod responsu' fuit ex pte ip'or Will'i & Beat^rci q'd pte' illam & noluer't t'n quia qued' uilla no'ie Bikeleg'. que quid' t^rra optima est aliaru' no' fuit extenta nec in pte sua allocat' Et ad hoc resp' p^rtitores q'd iniunctu' fuit eis t^rras p^rtire p^rtibiles. & hec de iure p^rtibilis no' erat & id'o &c'. It'm p^rd'cs Will'. q'd cuid' boscus no'ie Aggesahe p^rti sue fuit adiectus & alt'i p^rti recompensatus quod p^rd'ci David no' fuit set lib'or qui eu' lib'e tenuer't. Ad hoc iuratores. quod solu' id q'd fuit d'ci David in pte allocauer't & nich' aliud. It'm p^rd'cs Will's quod p^rti sue adicit' t^rra de Hanton. & t^rra de Bradeleg'. cu' p^rt'. q^as quid' t^rras Rog^r de Malop' exigit ut ius suu' & inde placitu' pendens in curia d'ni .C. Et ad hoc iuratores

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quod puisu' p ip'os q'd si d'cs Rog' d'cas t'ras u'l earu' +alt'am+ iure suo recupau'it D'ci Vrianus & Idon' vx' valenciā medietatis illar' t'raru' d'co Will' & .B. vx' sue loco competenti facie't restaurari Attam'n p'cedentibus r'onibus Id' Will' p se & ux' sua dixit quod ptem suam noluit recipe set eam coram Judic' reliquit. Tandem Justic' ex officio suo inspectis rotulis a t'pe d'ni Gilb't Thalebot quond' iustic' Cestr' iux^a mandatu' q'd a d'no suo Eaduuard' recepat: optulit d'co Will' & .B. ux' sue pte' suam que' p'd'cos ptitores s' fuit puisa. & ...dita. Ip'e Will' p se & .B. ux' sua illam pte' renuit ut p'us qa iniusti p'tic' fuit ut dicit Et id'o p Justic' saysita fuit illa ps in manu d'ni Eaduuard' donec p'fato Will' & .B. ux' eius ius suu' psequerent'.

Ad Com' n^o die Martis px^a p^s diem cin'u'. Anno xl sexto.³ compuer't partes p'd'ce. & Actore psequente placitu' p br'e de r'onabile pte. responsu' fuit ex pte reor' quod no' tenebantur inde respondere. Tandem ppo'itis r'onibus multis. p'fati rei ptuler't l're d'ni J. le Bretun senes' d'ni Ed. In quibus contentu' fuit. quod d'cs sen' Justic' ue pcederet in loquela int' ptes p'no'iatas que p'us coram d'no Ed & eius consilio fuit de'tminata. Quesitu' fuit ex officio Justic' que fuit illa loquela que p'us fuit de'tminata ut dicu't. Et responsu' fuit quod om's t're & tenementa que fuer't David de Malopassu ptita erant int' ptes p leg' ho'ies de consensu vt'usq' ad hoc electos. & sic penitus illud negociu' t'minatu' fuit. p quo it'ato d'ci rei vocantur in iudic' Ad quod responsu' ex pte actoru' quod p'fatis ptitorib^s consentit ut r'onabilem fac'ent p'tico'em & quia eam irr'onabilem fecer't. ponentes in vno sc'pto vnam ptem & in alio aliam cuilibet p'ciu' offerentes quod noluer't. no' diuidentes p sortem sicut decet talem p'tic'oem; id'o ptem s' p'uisam recipe noluer't. qa irrac'onabilis &c' Set ius suu' exig'e p br'e suu' de r'onabili pte.

On 18 April 1262 the matter was brought to court again, with various arrangements as to parts of the property, but no reference to the barony or to the place Malpas. It was agreed that any further dispute should be put, on a penalty of £100, to the abbot, archdeacon and justice of Chester.

1:237: 18 April 1262

Memorandum quod die M^atis px^a post clausum Pasche. Ano.xlvj.⁴ In pleno Comitatu Cestr' coram Thom' de Orreby tu'c Justic' Cestr' d'ns H Tho' de Meinwaring. W. de Mascy. militibus. Ric' de Orreby Cam' Cestr'. R. de Bulkileg' vice'g^rente vic' Cestr' & aliis d'ni Edwa[rdi] tu'c ibidem p'sentibus. Conuenit int' Will'm Pat'c & Beat'cem vxorem eius cpentes p attornatos ex vna pte d'nm Vrianu' de S'co Petro lit' apentem & d'nam ydoneam vxorem suam p attornatum apentem ex alt'a pte de omnibus contenc'oibus int' ptes p'd'cos motis sup' t'ris quondam David de malo passu modo subsc'pto Scilic' q'd p'd'ci D'ns vrianus & ydonea vxor sua penit' remiserunt D'no .W. p'd'co & Beat'ci vx' eius totam medietatem toci^s bosci de Holdecastel que quid' medietas allocata fuit & ptita d'cis vriano & ydonee in pparte sua h'editatis d'ci David de malo passu. Ita quod eisdem vriano & ydonee s'cdm legalem extentam & sac^amentu' pbor' & legaliu' viro^r ad hoc assignator quor' nomina inferius repunt' reco'pense't valenciā medietatis bosci p'd'ci loci cpetenti eodem modo fiat de viuario de Windyates & de s'iancia de Schoclache. Pret'ea de d'niciis t'ris de Schoclache p'uisum est quod p eosdem viros videant' & equant'. Ita q' si p'd'ci Vrian^s & ydonea plus h'eant in sua pparte q'am p'd'ci .W. & Beat'x tu'c sub^ahat' de illa pte que aliam excedit don^c

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equales fiant locis vtrobiq' c̄petentibus. De feodis vero p̄sum est ut sup̄i^s d'cm est de d'nicis. Ita scilic' quod si p̄d'cs .W. & Beat'x plenam medietatem feodor' militu' que fuer't David de malo passu in sua p̄parte no' h'eant, p̄d'co d'ns Vrian^s & ydonea de sua p̄te remittent eisdem don^c equalia fiant feoda p̄d'ca. s'cdm extentam & sac^ame'tu' viror' p̄d'cor. & p̄d'ci .W. et Beat'x loco c̄petenti p̄d'cis vriano & ydonea tantu'dem rec̄pensabit s'cdm extentam & sac^amentu' eordem. p̄t̄ea de t̄ra de Hampton' q^m Rog' de Malo passu Jur' suo recupavit. p̄sum est q'd p̄fati Vrianus & ydonea allocabunt & remittent p̄d'cis .W. & Beat'ci valenciam medietatis t̄re illius. loco c̄petenti s'cdm extentam & sac^amentum viror' p̄d'cor De Man'io de Bikeleg' p̄sum est q'd si p̄dicti Vrianus & ydonea & Joh's de S'co Pet^o qui Man'iu' illud tenet racionabilit' monst^are pot'unt q'd d'cm Man'iu' quod sit inptibile & Jure h'editario descendens d'co Johanni. tu'c integ^e remaneat d'co Joh'i sin' aut' p̄d'ci .W. & Beat'x s'cdm c̄sderac'om eordem viror' p̄tem ip'os c̄tingentem habeant p̄t de Jure habere debeant. Et ad istam p̄uisione' et c̄sderac'om faciend'. electi sunt ex p̄te d'cor .W. & Beat' Will' de Ridleg'. Hug' de Bikerton^a. Will' de Brex'. & Howam de Schoclache. ex p̄te vero d'cor Vrian' & ydonee. Ric' de Coudray. Rob' de Bulkileg'. Will' de Bonebur' & Joh's de Wetenhale. Ita quod si p̄fat' c̄sderatores in aliquo c̄uenire no' pot'unt addand' tanq^m capitanei, D'ns Abb's Cestr' & Arch'. eiu^sdem loci. Thom' de Orreby Justic' Cestr' ut p̄ ip'os t̄mi'et' si quid int' p̄d'cos arbitros fuerit in dub'm & hoc p̄miseru't p̄tes fide media tenend' sub pena .C. libr' d'no Edward' soluend' Et sciend' q'd totu' Man'iu' de Pecferton' cu' omnib^s p̄tin' remanebit d'cis Vriano & ydonee vx' sue & h'edib^s suis