

Nicholas de Leicester

On Saturday 2 August 1287 Nicholas de Leicester, William the reeve and Hugh Parcarius (Parker) of Halton seized Robert Kevell at Halton, and imprisoned him for three days until he paid them four shillings fine. Moreover, they stole from him a tunic worth six shillings and his belt, a silk purse and twelve pence. So Robert claimed when he sued Nicholas, William and Hugh in the county court.

Nicholas de Leicester stated that he was bailiff of the liberty of Halton. He said that some chaplain had been riding through the middle of the wood called Northwood, and had fallen into a pool and had nearly been drowned. The chaplain went to Aston to get help to extricate his horse from the pool, leaving there his tabard and overcoat. During his absence Robert Kevell stole the tabard and overcoat and hid them; he was arrested and taken with the clothing to Chester castle. He had never taken, caused to be taken, arrested, kept in prison for three days, nor mulcted him of 40d.

The jury found that Nicholas had indeed imprisoned Robert at Halton, but only for one day and one night; that Robert had given Nicholas money to be freed, but that was of his own volition, and was 3s.

Robert was amerced for a false claim, and Nicholas was imprisoned for the imprisonment, and later paid a fine for release.

4:92: 18 November 1287

p^r. finis – alibi M'ia – alibi

Nich's de Leyc', Will's p^rposit^s, & Hugo Pcarius de Haghton' attach' fu'unt ad respondd' Rob'to Keuell de pl'o, vnde id'm Rob's queritur q'd die sabb'i p^x^a p^st f'm s'ci Petⁱ Aduincula Anno .r'.r'. E. nu'c .xv^o.¹⁷ apud Hauhton' ip'm cepunt & ibid'm in pⁱsonau'nt & p^r tres dies sequ' tes in pⁱsonam detinu' eru't quousq' fine' cu' p^rd'co Nich'o fec'it p^r .iiij.s'. Et alia enormia ei intulerunt, vid'lt tunica' sua' p^rcii sex solid' & Cinctoriu' suu' cu' bursa de serico cu' .xij. denar' imp'oitis ei abstulerunt. con^a pace' &c' vnde def'iorat^s est &c'. ad val' decem lb'. & pduc' sectam &c'. Et p^rd'ci Nich', Will's & Hugo ven', Et p^rd'cus Nich's tanq^a Ball's lib'tatis d'ni sui de Haghton' defend' vim & iniur' &c' q'n &c' Et dic' q'd cum quida' Cap'lls tⁿsiret p^r mediu' silue de Northwode & de equo suo ceciderit in quoda' lacu, Ita q'd fere suffocatus fuit in loco illo & wassello¹⁸. p^r quod id'm Cap'lls deposuit Tabbard' suu' & suptunica' quib^s nimi^s induebat^r & eas posuit ibid' sub quod' arbore du'modo adiuuit ville ppinqⁱori scil't Aston' ad querend' auxiliu' ad equu' suu' p^rd'cm a lacu p^rd'co ex^ahend' p^rd'cus Rob's int'im p^rd'ca Tabbard' & tunica' cepit & asportauit, & detinuit, nec delibac'om inde p^rd'co cap'llo cu' pl'ries in Ecc'is Foris exigi fec'it fac'e voluit s' ea conclauit, quousq' p^rfama' pmulgante' p^r suspic'oe notoria p^rd'cm Rob'm attach' & p^rvna' m.... arestari fec', & postea eum cu' pannis p^rd'cis ad Castru' Cestr' misit ad stand' &c'. Et q'd ip'm Rob'm alia occ^aone no' cepit nec capi fecit nec arestauit, nec ip'm p^r tres dies

¹⁷ Saturday 2 August 1287

¹⁸ stream bed

detinuit, nec a pⁱsona ad .xl.s'. multauit, petit q'd q'd¹⁹ inquirat'. Et p^rd'cus Rob's. s'. I'o fiat inde Jur^a. Et p^rc' est vic' q'd venire fac'. .xij. &c'

Jur' d'nt sup sacr'm suu', q'd p^rd'cus Nich's inpⁱson' p^rd'cm Rob'm ap'd Haughton' p indum'tis p^rd'cis p vnu' die' & vna' nocte', Et q'd tres solidos p concel' eor^dm ab ip'o Rob'to spontanea voluntate sua cepit

I'o cons', q'd p^rd'cus Nich' t^adet^r pⁱsone p inpⁱsam'to & fac' emendas p^rd'co Rob'to, Et p^rd'cus Rob's in m'ia p^rf'lo clam' u^s. ip'm Nich'm.

Dies datus est Rob'to Keuell quer', & Nich'o de Leyc' & aliis in br'i de pl'o cap. au^r. vsq' &c' p^rce ptiu'.

4:123: 30 December 1287

Dies datus est Will'o le Keuel de Aston' quer', & Nich'o de Leyc' & aliis in br'ib^s de inpⁱsonam', & de capt' au^rior, vs' &c' p^rce ptiu' &c'

4:225: 4 May 1288

M'ia.v.s'.

D Rob'to Keuel p^rf'lo clam' .u^s. Nich'm de Leyc' & alios in br'i, de pl'o cap. au^rior. ppl' Ric'i de Croxton'.

4:236: 4 May 1288

.Finis.

D Nich'o de Leycestr' eo qa inpris' Rob'tum Keuel

Other claims were made against Nicholas de Leicester for the seizing of animals, presumably also in his capacity as bailiff of the Constable.

5:35: 30 November 1288

Dies datus est Will'o fil' Hug' de Dutton' quer' & Nich'o de Leyc' & aliis in br'i de pl'o carr au^r. vsq' &c' p^rce pciu' sine essonio

5:38: 30 November 1288

m'ia Cond' p Justic' qa nich' h't

D Rob'to de Weston' p^rf'lo clam'. u^s. N. de Leycestr' & alios in br'i de pl'o capt' cui^sd' eqⁱ. ppl' Henr' filij Fille de Sutton'

5:151: 19 April 1289

Dies datus est Ric'o Hutteman quer' & Nich'o de Leyc' & aliis in br'i de pl'o capc' auer' vs' &c'. p^rce ptiu'

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