

Robert le Bruen

An inquisition was summoned in August 1308 to see whether Adam son of William de Lemington of Thornton was living at Nether Bebington and had sufficient goods and chattels in the hundred of Wirral by which he might be attached to answer Roger de Heswall in a plea of covenant in which he had been impleaded before the justice of Chester, as Roger had stated, or not, as Robert le Bruin bailiff of Wirral had asserted. Roger also sued Adam for breach of covenant: the sheriff said that Adam had no goods by which he might be attached, but again Roger challenged that. In December 1308 the sheriff reported that Adam had been attached by Robert le Bruen and Henry son of Bertram, but still did not come: Robert and Henry were each amerced 12d.

In February 1309 the case came to trial. Roger said that Adam had agreed on Christmas Monday in 1307 to look after Roger's sheep for the following year, to be paid at Midsummer: but Adam had neglected to do so, so that most of the sheep had died. Adam agreed that such an agreement had been made, but only for the following six months, and that he had looked after the sheep for that period. Roger dropped the case and was amerced 6d.

The fact that Robert le Bruen was amerced suggests that the justice suspected him of deliberately hindering the prosecution.

20:690: 20 August 1308

Itin'

Prec' ven' Inq'sic'o

Preceptu' fuit vic'. q'd venire fac'et .xij. &c'. p quos. &c'. Et qⁱ nec Regin' de Haselwell +nec Rob'm Le Bruyn' ball'm de [Wirhal]+ aliqua affinitate atting'ent ad recogn' sup sacr'm suu' si Ad' fil' Will'i de Leming' de Thornteton' Maneat apud Netherbebinton' & h'eat in Hundredo de Wirhal +bona & cat'+ ad sufficientia'. p que possit attach'ri. ad respondend' p'd'co ²²⁰ Rog'o de pl'ito co'uenc'ois vnde ip'm impl'itat. cora' Justic'o Cestr'. sicut p'd'cus Rog'us dicit, an nich' h'eat p q'd potest attach' &c'. sicut p'd'cs Rob'us dicit Et vic' nich' inde fecit. &c'. I'o sicut alias p'ceptu' est vic' q'd venire fac' ad px'm Com' .xij. &c'. p quos &c'. Et qui nec &c'. Quia tam. &c'.

Itin'

Idem Rog'us. op. se. u^s Ad' fil' Will'i Lemying + de Thornteton'. de pl'ito co'uenc'ois. Et ip'e no' ven'. Et p'ceptu' fuit vic'. q'd. attach'. eu'. &c'. Et vic' modo mand'. q'd p'd'cs Adam nich' h'et p quod &c'. Et testatu' est. q'd satis h'et p q'd &c'. I'o sicut alias p'cept' est vic'. q'd attach' eu'. q'd sit ad px'm Com'. &c'.

21:58: 1 October 1308

p^r e'

Rog'us de Haselwall op. se. u'sus Adam fil' Will'i Lemying de Thornton' de pl'ito conuenc'onis. Et ip'e no' ven' Et p'ceptu' fuit vic' sicut alias q'd attachiaret eu' &c'. Et vic' modo mand' q'd nichil h'et p q'd. &c'. Et testatu' est q'd satis h'et. I'o sicut pluries p'ceptu' vic' q'd attachiet eu' &c' q'd sit ad px' Com' &c'

²²⁰ sic

21:162: 12 November 1308

p^r e'.

Rog^rus de Haselwelle op se u^rsus Ada' fil' Will'i Lemyng de Thornteton' de pl'ito conuenc'ois Et ip'e no' venit Et p^rcept' fuit vic' sicut plur' q'd attachiaret eu' &c'. Et vic' modo mand' q'd p^rd'cs Ad' no' est inuent^s. &c' n^c aliquid &c' p^r quod &c' Id'o sicut plur' p^rcept' est vic' q'd attach' eu' &c' q'd sit ad px' Com'

21:239: 17 December 1308

M'ie.ij.s'. p^r e'

Rog^rus de Haselwalle op. se. versus. Adam fil' Will'i Lemyng de Thornton' de pl'ito conuenc'onis Et no' venit Et p^rceptu' fuit vic' q'd attach' eu' q'd esset hic ad hu'c Com'. Et vic' modo mand' q'd p^rd'cus Adam attach'us p^r Rob'm Le Bruyn +xij.d'+ & Henr' fil' Bertrami +xij.d'+ Ideo ip'i in m'ia. Et nichilo^s p^rceptu' est vic' q'd distr' eu' p^r om'es t^rras &c'. Et q'd de exit' &c'. Et q'd h'eat corpus eius ad px'm Com'. ad respond' &c'.

21:349: 4 February 1309

p^r e'

Adam fil' Will'i Lemyng +no' ps'+ de Thornteton'. sum' fuit ad respondend' Rog'o de Haselwalle de pl'ito co'uenc'ois. Et vnde idem Rog^rus quer^r. q'd cum. ad festum Natal' d'ni Anno Reg^s nu'c p^rmo.²²¹ apud [blank] ita co'uenit int^r ip'm Rog'm & Adam. q'd idem Adam deseruiet eidem Rog'o. a d'co festo Natal' d'ni. vsq'. ad idem festu' pxi'o sequ's videl't p^r annu' integrum. ad custodiend' oues p^rd'ci Rog'i p^r quodam certo stipendio capiend' idem Adam. ad festum Nat' s'ci Joh'is Bapt'e pxi'o sequ's post festum Natal' d'ni²²². oues p^rd'ci Rog'i +cont^a co'uenco'm p^rd'cam+ custodire contradixit, p^r defectu cuius custodie. maxima pars ouiu' suar p^rierunt. vnde dicit q'd def'ioratus est & dampnu' h'et ad valenc' quadraginta solid'. Et inde p^rducit sectam. &c'.

Et p^rd'cus Adam venit. & defend'. vim & iniur' q'n. &c'. Et dicit. q'd quedam co'uenc'o f'ca fuit int^r eos q'd ip'e custodiret. oues p^rd'ci Rog'i. a festo Natal' d'ni p^rd'co. vsq' ad festu' Nat' s'ci Joh'is Bapt'e pxi'o sequ's vnde licet p^r dimid' annu'. quo tempe oues p^rd'cos custodiuit iux^a co'uenc'oem p^rd'cam. Et q'd cont^a co'uenc'oem int^r eos f'cam no' venit. sicut p^rd'cus Rog^rus ei imponit. & de hoc ponit se sup p^rriam. &c'. Et p^rd'cus Rog^rus simil'r Ideo p^rceptum est vic' q'd venire fac' ad px'm Com' .xij. &c'. p^r quos. &c'. Et qui. nec. &c'. Quia. tam. &c'.

21:378: 18 March 1309

m'ia.vj.d'

Rog^rus de Haselwall qa no' est ps' u^rs Adam fil' [Will'i] Lemyng de Thornton' de pl'ito conuenc'onis ppl' [blank]

Henry de Oslaston chaplain sued Robert le Bruen beadle for debt in July 1309, but abandoned the action and was amerced 12d.

21:763: 22 July 1309

Dies datus est Henr' de Oslaston' cap'llno quer' & Rob'to le Bruyn bedello de pl'ito debiti vsq' ad px'm Com' in eodem quo nu'c &c'

21:775: 22 July 1309

Henr' de Oslaston'. cap'lls. no' est ps' u^s. Rob'. le bruyn. ball'm

21:845: 2 September 1309

²²¹ Monday 25 December 1307

²²² Monday 24 June 1308

M'ia.xij.d'
Henr' de Oslaston' cap'lls qa no' est ps'. u^rs Rob'm Le Bruyn bedellu' de pl'ito deb'i.
ppl'. Rog'i de Bulkelegh' & Ade Le Parker

A Robert Bruen of Bruen Stapleford appears frequently in the records, but does not seem to be the same person. Bruen Stapleford is in Eddisbury hundred.