

## **Gilbert de Singleton, Robert de Buckley, Richard de Rouley, Richard de Fowlshurst and Hugh de Fowlshurst**

After the disturbances of 1309, the abbot of Vale Royal accused these bailiffs of the **justice** of having acted against him by ‘*inflicting and levying by the ministers of (Mara) forest heavy amercements on the tenants of the abbot, whose cattle had strayed beyond bounds, and by not permitting him to rebuild a house in the forest, used by him and his predecessors for the manufacture of glass, which had been burned down, and by driving away his cattle.*’

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*Commission of oyer and terminer to John de Crumbwelle, William de Ormesby and and John de Insula, on complaint by the abbot of Vale Royal (de Valle Regali) that Robert de Holland, justice of Chester, under colour of his office, with Gilbert de Singilton, Robert de Bokeleye, Richard de Rouley, Richard de Folehirst and Hugh de Folehirst, his bailiffs, encroached on the jurisdiction and liberties contained in the charter of the late king, granting to the abbey the manors of Overe and Woverham and common of pasture for the cattle of the tenants within certain bounds in the royal forest of la Mare (Delamere), with the right to work a quarry there, and with other easements for making glass, by depriving the abbot of the custody of prisoners seized within his manors, of year, day and waste from his tenants and the goods of felons and fugitives, by inflicting and levying by the ministers of the forest heavy amercements on the tenants of the abbot, whose cattle had strayed beyond bounds, and by not permitting him to rebuild a house in the forest, used by him and his predecessors for the manufacture of glass, which had been burned down, and by driving away his cattle.*