

William de Venables and John de Cotton

At the beginning of the new court year, at the first court after Michaelmas 1308, William de Venables of Bradwall and John de Cotton assumed the bailiwick of Middlewich from Michaelmas to Michaelmas for £93, payable half at Easter and half at the following Michaelmas.

21:88: 1 October 1308

Will's de Venables de Bradewell. Joh'es de Coton'. Rob'us de Bulkelegh'. Joh'es de Legh' Will's Gerard. Ric'us de Fouleshurst. Fulco de Meeles. Simon del Hurst. Galfrid' Griff'n. Will's de Hatton'. Rob'us de Bradeford. Will's de Fonte Adam del Schaghe. & Rob'us de Raby. & vnusquisq' eor' p se in solid'. cogn' se deb'e Rob'to de Holand Justic'o Cestr' quater viginti & tresdecim libr^as argenti p firma balli'e de Medio Wico a festo S'ci Mich'is Archang'li. pxi'o p^rt'ito¹⁷⁶ vsq' ad idem festu' S'ci Mich'is pxi'o futur¹⁷⁷. p vnu' annu' integru'. Soluend' eidem d'no Rob'to. videl't medietate' ad Pasch' pxi'o futur¹⁷⁸, & aliam medietate'. ad festu'. S'ci Mich'is pxi'o sequ's. Et ecia' Manucepunt. ad saluand' puteos salinas & Jura balli'e p^rd'ce in adeo bono statu sicut ea recepunt. Et nisi fec'int; concedu't q'd vic' fieri fac' de t'ris & catall' &c'

Cotton and Venables complained to the court the following April that when their under-bailiffs, Robert son of Nicholas and Hugh son of Geoffrey had tried to distrain Richard Penkrich of Middlewich for moneys due to be raised from him according to the estreat delivered to them, Richard had rescued whatever animal or thing had been seized. Peter de Kent and Henry de Swettenham were sent to attach Penkrich, but failed to do so and were themselves amerced 12d. Penkrich was to be distrained: but the matter then disappears from the record.

21:547: 29 April 1309

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Presentatu' fuit. p. +Joh'em de Coton' & Will'm de Venables+ balli'os. d'ni Reg^s de medio Wico. q'd cu'. quid' Rob's fil' Nich'i. & Hugo fil' Galfridi s'bball'i sui eiusde' ville fecissent qua'dam districc'oem. sup Ric'm Penkrece. de medio Wico. p quibusdam denar' ab eo leuand'. put in ext^actis eis lib'atu' fuit, Idem Ric'us Penkereche. eis de p^rd'ca districc'oe rescussum fecit. Ita q'd ip'i attach' p^rd'cm. Ric'm. p Petru' de Kent. & Henr' de Swetenh^am. q'd esset hic ad respond' d'no Regi de rescussu p^rd'co. Et p^rd'cus Ric'us. no' venit. I'o. p^rd'ci Petr^s & Henr' in m'ia qa no' h'ueru't ip'm &c'. Et nich'o^s p^rceptu' est vic' q'd distr' eu' p om'es t'ras. &c'. Et q'd h'eat eu' ad px'm Com'. &c'.

¹⁷⁶ Sunday 29 September 1308

¹⁷⁷ Monday 29 September 1309

¹⁷⁸ Sunday 30 March 1309