

The Seneschal's Avowries

The de Monte Alto or Montalt, Mohaut &c. family, lords of Mold, were hereditary seneschals or stewards of Chester. Their lordship included avowries, with the same rights as the earls/kings — annual payments and heriots; but, in addition, the right to withdraw any 'tenant', when indicted in the shire court, into their own custody.

A liability of exercising that right was the grave responsibility of not allowing such a tenant to escape. 1 June 1305 Robert de Monte Alto was fined £8, a substantial sum, for the escape of one Henry Wolf of Alsacher, who had been entrusted to the keeping of John de Cotton junior, keeper of his avowries.

16:120 [1 June 1305]

.viij.li'.

D Rob'to de Monte Alto Senescallo Cestris' p euasione Henr' Wolf de Alzach' qui Joh'i de Coten' iuniori custodi lib'tat' aduocar' eiusdem Rob'ti lib'tat' fuit put ide' Joh'es recogn'

The barons' charter of liberties of 1215 (22:1119, see Introduction), includes confirmation of their right to exercise to privilege, with relation to avowries, under the name of *twertnic* by *sheriffstooth*:

Et si vic' m's aut aliq's s'uiens in Cur' mea aliq'm ho'iem suor inculpau'it p Twernic se defendere pot'it ppt' Scirefestoh't quod reddunt nisi secta' eu' sequat'.

The term *twertnic* disappears after about 1300, but the actual right was exercised throughout our period. The inquisition *post mortem* of Roger de Monte Alto by the escheator of Chester 23 January 1297 cites 'a liberty called *twertnic* held of the king *in capite*, pertaining to his seneschalship.

The first surviving plea roll has these references to *twertnic*:

1:34 [13 January 1260]

Judiciu'

T'minat'

Memorand' quod Rad' de Moldeworthe & Marg' ux' sua in pleno Com' calupn' fuer't de Muredredo & morte Rob' de Kelsale occis' comper't & respond' p Twertnik ut ho'ies senesc'. & in lib'tate sua ad hoc Justic' quod alit' respondere optet in tali casu. & ei loquebatur vx' p'no'itam. Illa respond' p twernic ut p'us. ad hoc Justic' quod illa res' no' sufficit &c' It'm Mulier quod vir suus h'o est sen' & ip'a eade' lib'tate gaudere debet qua uir suus ad Judiciu'. Id' Rad' & vx' eius fec'u't fine'.

1:68 [13 January 1260]

T'minat'

Inpo'itm fuit Judde Clubbe quod lat' est & Burgator domor

T^rminat^r

M^d quod Judde Clubbe h'oes sen'. arreatat' fuer't de Muredrede & incendio res' p
twertnik ut in lib'tate &c'. Ad hoc Justic' quod talis res' no adiacet in tali casu It'm Ball's
sen' exigit p^rd'cos ad pleuinam. ad quod Justic' quod pleuina no' adiacet ad iudiciu'.
Tande'concesser't pon'e se in inquis'. +Que dicit+ quod quieti sunt ex om'i forisf'co sⁱ
inpo'ito.

1:176 [1 June 1260]

Id'm

T^rminat^r

Quod Henr' fil' Edus latro int'fect^s fuit in Com' stafford' qui ante mortem recog'
quod Edus de Modberleg'. h'uit xiiij sol' & alia cat'lla de Bonis suis. & Henr' Batcok ij
au'ia de eisd' bonis suis. Id' Henr' inuenit pl' de compendo. scil't Ric' fabru' & simon' Half
Lauerd. Edus inuenit eosd'. Henr' compiit & deffend' p twernic +ter & quietus recessit+ ad
lib'tate' Constab'. Edus ponit se in inqⁱsic'one ad p^m Com' Et p eande' inqⁱsic'oem quiet^s
recessit

1:198 [13 July 1260]

T^rminat^r

Cadogon de Holdleg' App'llat Ric' de Brumhale quod ip'e nequit' in felunu' con^a
pace' d'ni insult' p^rcogitato die sabat' in vig' s'ce tⁿitatis Anno xl.iiij.¹⁵⁷ 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^rbo ad u^rbu'. & 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' sacro s'ce ecc'e repl. ut cl'icu' suu'. Tandem ad Com'
pximu' Cadogan compiit ad appl'acoem suam ps'. Et p^rceptu' fuit quod ip'e Kadofan
querumoniam reo sequebat' coram ordin'.

1:232 [31 August 1260]

T^rminat^r

Coron' de Nortwico Hundr' p^rsentant quod. Alecok pastir de Daueneport inuent^s fuit
mortuus in campis de Daueneport. Inuent^x vx^r eius Fama laborat quod Henr' fab' de
Daueneport occidit eu' Id' inuenit pl' de stando iuri s Ric' de Venabl'. Will' p^rpo'its de
Daueneport pl' inue't'cis Rob' steph'. & Ric' de swetinhame. Henr' deffendidit p Twertnic ad
lib'tatem sen'. pⁱmo. It'm s'cdo It' t^rcio & quiet^s recessit. villate dicu't quod infortuniu'.

William de Venables, Katherine his wife and Richard Crede were
accused of having offered violence to Henry de Darnhall when he tried to
execute the earl of Chester's writ. It was stated that William de Venables owed
the archdeacon of Chester a certain sum, which he had guaranteed by a
recognizance. Venables having failed to repay, the sheriff sent his serjeant,
Ranulph (sic) de Darnhall, to distrain Venables; Ranulph took some beasts, and

¹⁵⁷ Saturday 29 May 1260

was going to drive them off when Crede prevented him. In court Richard de Sharesworth, a bailiff of the Constable, said that Crede was in the Constable's avowry, and claimed him: but the justice said that in a case where violence and resistance had been offered to a servant of the earl, the culprit could not take advantage of any liberty by *twertnic*. William de Hesketh, the Constable's steward, then intervened and asked for an adjournment.

15:95 [6 February 1302]

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Preceptu' e'. vic' q'd venire faciat ad p^rxim' Com' Henr' de Darnahall ad ostend' violencia' sibi f'cam p Will'm de Venables & Kat'inam vx'em eius & Ric'm Crede in exequendo mandatu' d'ni Principis &c' Idem dies datus est p^rd'cis Will'o, Kat'ine & Ric'o ad respond' de contemptu p^rd'co. &c' m'ia .iiij.s'.

D Ric'o le Bruyn +.ij.s'+ & Will'mo de Hokenhull +.ij.s'+ qa no' habuerunt p^rd'cam Kat'inam q'm manucepu't

15:136 [20 February 1302]

Ad p^rx'm Com'

Ric's Crede attach' fuit ad respond' d'no Comiti de eo q'd vbi p^rc' fuit vic^{ti} q'd fie'i fac'et de t^rris & cat' Will'i de Venables quodd' deb' Arch'o Cestr' cogn' in scc^ao Cestr' p quod vic' misit que'd s'ruiente' suu' Ran' Darnhall apd Thornton' as exeq'nd' mandat' illud qui quid' Ran' ibid' accessit & cepit q'd au'ia ip'ius Will'i & ea inde fugasse voluit s'cd q'd s' iniu'ctu' fuit Et s'r hoc venit d'cs Ric's & p^rd'ca au'ia ex^a manu' ip'ius Ranulphi rescussit. pp' qua' violenc' d'cs Ran' mandatu' d'ni Com' p^rfic'e no' potuit sic' p^rd'cs Ran' in pleno Com' sugg' Et p^rd'cs Ric's ven' p attach' in Cur' ista Et s'r hoc Ric's de Sheresworth' qⁱ dic' se e'e ball'm Constab' dic' q'd p^rd'cs Ric' se p't defend'e p Theurtnyk r'one lib'tat^s d'ni sui p^rd'ci +de+ cui^s aduocar' ip'e est Et petit q'd admittat' ~~ad lege' suam facienda'~~ Et d'cm est p d'no Comite Cestr' q'd in tali casu vbi violencia f'ca est ministris suis vel resistencia in execuc'oe mandator suor in co'tempt' d'ni sui no' p't aliquis p aliqua' lib'tate' e'e ~~ad lege' sua'~~ +e'e quiet^s p Theurtnyk+ in tali f'co inoffend' ip'am lege' cui^s obsuac'oe d'ns Com' est. Et s'r hoc Will's de Heskeyth' Sen' d'ci Constab' petit inde resp'cm vsq' ad p^rx'm Com' Et concedit' ei. Et p^rd'cs Ric' Crede h't eand' diem

15:346 [7 August 1302]

Ric'us Crede h't diem vsq' ad p^rxim' Com' ad respond' d'no Comiti de rescussu f'co balliuis suis

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Will'us de Venables habet diem ad p^rxim' Com' ad respond' d'no Comiti de rescussu f'co ball'is suis

15:397 [18 September 1302]

p^r.

Will'us de Venables inuenit manuc'. vid'lt, Ric'm de Fogleshurst, Will'm de Praers, Will'm Daniel, & Joh' de Legh', essend' ad p^rx'm Com', ad aud' vered'cm cui^sd' inquis', capiend', sup eo q'd calu'pniat^s est fecisse resistenc' Ministris d'ni Com', fac'e volentib^s execuc' p'ceptor d'ni Com'. Et p^r est vic' q'd venire fac' Kater' vx^r d'ci Will'mi, & Ric'm Crede, q'd sint ad p^rx'm Com', sim'l cu' d'co Will'o calu'pniati, ad aud' vered'cm pred'cm. Et. p^r. est vic'. q'd venire fac' .xij. &c'. milites & alios lib'os & legal' ho'ies, qⁱ d'cos, Will'm de Venabl' Kat'inam n^c Ric'm, aliqua affinitate no' attingant, q'd sint &c'. ad fac' iur' illam. &c'.

The term *twertnic* fell out of use, but the right was exercised throughout our period, there being many cases where a defendant was delivered to the liberty of the Seneschal. But not every person dealt with in that way was necessarily a tenant of the Seneschal's avowries.

In the long proceedings about the ravishment of Matilda de Stockport (see RAVISHMENTS), just one of the attackers, Richard de Knowles, was claimed by the keeper of the avowries of the Seneschal.

18:42 [29 November 1306]

Will'us fil' Hug' de Dutton' Galfr' de Werberton' Joh' de Venables Thom' fr' eius Rob't' fil' Galfr' de Dutton' Joh' de Strangwas Thom' fr' eius Thom' filius Henr' de Dutton' Rog'us le Dispens' de Chedle Henr' Bron' de Dutton' Joh'es le Rach, Adam Busy s'ui'e's Rog'i de Chedele Thom' le Prestessone. Will' le Porter s'uiens Galfr' de Werburto' Henr' Page de ead'm B'nd'cus Throstel Rog' fil' Rob'ti Holt, Ran' fil' Rog'i bolt. Rob' del Wode de Dutton', Ad Roket le Crowther, Petrus fil' Alcock de Ryxton'. Thom' de Wodeford. Ric'us s'uiens Celerar'. Will' fil' Agn' del Schagh'. Ric' Halyday Nich'us fil' Rad'i de de¹⁵⁸ Routhesthorn'. Simo' fil' Will'i de Stocton'. Thom' de Hallum. Will' fr' ei's, Joh' de Hallu', Will's de Wortel'. Will' fil' Will' de Morthweyt. Ran' de Sondeneheued. Gilb'tus Twisse. Ric'us del Knolles. Hug' de Aldelondes. Hamo de Bankhull. Will' del Wode. Rob'tus Thomesone de Legh'. Joh' fr' ei's. Thom' del Wode de Dutton' Henr' fr' eius. Rob'tus fil' Thom' fil' Hug' de Legh'. Will' fil' Hug' le Mulneward & Rob'tus le Cryour alias exacti fueru't ad respond' quare die Jou' in f'o S'ci M'rtini anno. r'. r'. nu'.c. xxxij^o.¹⁵⁹ veneru't ap'd Dunh'm circa occasu' solis & ibid'm saltaueru't & t'nsieru't vlt'a paliciu' pci Hamon' de Mascy & d'cm pcu' int'ueru't, & in c'a stino circa ortum solis vi & arm' exieru't d'cm pcu' gladiis arcub' & sagittis & Man'iu' ip'ius Hamon' de Dunh'm int'ueru't & ibide' q'amd' Matill' vnam filiar' & heredu' Ric'i de Stokeport in custod' p'd'ci Hamon' existente' ex' Cam'a' ip'ius Hamon' vbi p'd'ca Matill' extir'at vi & arm' cepu't & ip'am ibid'm in Cur' abduxeru't & ea' spoliav'u't de o'ib' indume'tis excepta camisa sua expost'co ip'am secu' abduxeru't & penes se hucusq' detine't. Et p'd'ci Will's & o'es alii ven' & dicu't q'd ip'i t'hunt' in pl'itu' in Cur' ista sup' p'miss' ad sectam cuiusdam Hamon' de Mascy vnde petu't iud'm si pendente inde pl'ito ad sectam p'd'ci Hamon'; d'no Com' respondere debea't. Et dat' e' eis dies de audiend' inde iud'm ad px' Com'. Et sup' hoc venit Custos Constabular' & petit eos sic' pl'ies ad lib'tate' d'ni sui p't' Ric'm de Knolles que' custos aduocar' senescalli petit sicut pl'ies ad lib'tate' sua' & eos h'nt de Com' pena qua decet qua usq' &c'.

Dies.

Dies dat' est Hamon' de Mascy & Will'o filio Hugon' de Sutton'. Galfr' de Werberton', Joh' de Venables Thom' fr' eius, Rob'to fil' Galfr' de Dutton'. Joh' de Strangwas. Thom' fr' eius. Thom' fil' Henr' de Dutton' Rog'o le Dispens' s'uienti Rog'i de Chedele Joh'i le Rache, Ad' Buscy fil' Rob' de Bradell'. Rob'to Wyteheued garco'i Rog'i de Chedele Thom' le Prestessone de Bertinton'. Will'o le Porter garco'i Galfr' de Werburton'. Bened'co Throstel Ran' fil' Rog'i Bolt. Rob' del Wode de Dutton', Ad Roket le Crowther, Petr' fil' Alex'i de Rixton'. Thom' de Wodeford. Ric'o s'uienti Celerar'. Will' fil' Agn' del Schawe. Ric' Haliday. Ad garco'i Galfr' de Werburton', Nich' fil' Rad'i de Routhesthorn'. Simon' fil' Will'i de Stocton'. Will'o de Hallum, Will' de Worteleghe'. Will' Mortweyt. Ran' de Sondeneheuet. Gilb'to de Twysse. Hamo de Banchull. Rob' fil' Thom' de Legh'. Joh'i fr'i

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ei^s. Henr' fil' Rob'i del Wode T[hom'] fil' Rob' Marescalli de Dutton' Joh' fil' Hawisie de Dutton' Thom' le Carter de Dutto' Ad' Witheued de Dutton' Joh' Deye de Dutton'. Rob' Houmy de Dutton', Ric' de roby de Wyteleg'. Alan' fr'i eius. Simon' de Hallum. Th' fill' W[ill'i] de Mortweyt, Rog'o filio Will'i de Denchale, Ric'o filio Agn' fil' vidue de Walton', Ric'o filio Rob'ti de Caldew[ell] Joh'e fil' Hug' de Preston', Hug' fr'em eius, Rob'to de Comb'bach, Will' fil' Nich'i Coci de Dutton'. & Henr' [Page] de Werburton' vsq' ad px' Com' p'ce pciu' sine Esson'.

18:100 [20 December 1306]

M'ia .J.M^ar'

Hamo de Mascy qui tulit br'e u^s. Will'm fil' Hug' de Dutton' & alios in br'i de raptu Matill' fil' & vni^s heredu' Ric'i de Stocport cui^s Maritagiū ad ip'm Hamone' p^tinet no' est ps' br'e suu'. Ideo p'd'cus Will'us & om'es alij quo ad sectam p'd'ci Hamo'is eant quieti Et p'd'cus Hamo & pleg' sui de ps', scil't Nich'us de Frodesha^m & Hug' del Hogh' in m'ia, Nisi d'ns Comes Cestr' & ei^s consiliu' aliud inde dux^rint ordinand' &c'

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Lib'tas Const'

Will'ms fil' Hug' de Dutton' Galfr' de Werb'tone Joh'nes de Venables, Thom' fr' ei^s, Rob'tus filius Galfr'i de Dutton' Joh'nes de St'ngwas Thom' fr' ei^s, Thom' fil' Henr' de Dutton', Rog'us le Despens^r de Chedle, Henr' Bron' de Dutton', Joh'nes le Rach', Adam Buscy s'uiens Rog'i de Chedle, Thom' le Prestessone, Will'ms le Porter s'uiens Galfr'i de Werb'tone, Henr' Page de ead'm Bened'cus Thorstle, Rog'us fil' Rob'i Bolt, Rob'tus del Wode de Dutton' Ad' le Crouthere Petrus fil' Alcock de Ryxton', Thom' de Wodeford, Ric'us s'uiens Celler', Will'ms fil' Agn' del [Schawe] Ric'us Haliday, Nich'us fil' Rad'i de Routhesthorn', Simon fil' Will'i de Stockton' Thom' de Hallu'm Will'ms fr' [eius] Joh'nes de Hallum, Will'ms de Wortelegh', Will'ms fil' Will'i de Mouldwort, Ran' de Sondeneheued, Gilb's de [Twysse] Ric'us del Knolles, Hugo de Aldelondes, Hamo de Baunchull, Will'ms del Wode, Rob'tus Thomessone de Legh' Joh'nes fr' ei^s, Thom' del Wode de Dutton', Henr' frat' ei^s, Rob'tus fil' Thom' fil' Hug' de Legh', Will'ms fil' [Hug'] le Mulneward' & Rob'tus le Criour alias exacti fueru't ad respond' quar' die Jouis in festo s'ci Martini [anno] r'. r'. nu'c. xxxiiij^o¹⁶⁰ veneru't apud Donh^am circa occasu' solis & ibid' saltau'unt & t^ansieru't vlt^a paliciu' p[ar]ci] Hamo'is de Mascy & d'cm p^cu' inf'ueru't & in c^astino circa ortu' solis vi & armis exieru't d'cm p^cu' gl[adiis] arcub^s & sagittis & Man'iu' ip'ius Hamon' de Donh^am int'ueru't & ibid'm q^andam Matild' vna' filiar' & heredu' Ric'i de Stocport in custodia p'd'ci Ham' existente' ex^a Cam' am ip'ius Ham' vbi p'd'ca Matill' extit'at vi & armis cepunt & ip'am ibid'm in Cur' abduxeru't & eam spoliau'unt de om'ib^s indum'tis excepta camisia sua, Exp^stf'co ip'am secu' abduxeru't, & penes se hucusq' detinent. Et p'd'ci Will'us & om'es alij ven' & dicu't q'd ip'i t^acti fueru't in pl'itu' in Cur' ista sup' p'missis ad secta' p'd'ci Ham' de Mascy, ad cui^s secta' ip'i recesseru't quieti p^pt' no' psecuc'om p'd'ci Hamonis, vnde petu't iudiciu' si cont^a tenore' statuti d'ni Regis p^r quod statutu' nulla acc'o competit d'no Regi seu P^rncipi in hi^s casu respondere debeant. Et dictu' est eis ex pte d'ni Comit^s q'd p^r quib^sdam c'tis mandatis & de causis Justic' Cestr' int'ue'ientib^s ad p^rsens no' possunt iudicial'r dedici neq' delib'ari quousq' alius p^r Com' Cestr' & ei^s consiliu' hinc inde dux^rint ordinand'. Et sup hoc venit custos aduocar' Const' & petit +eos+ sicut pl'ies ad lib'tate' d'ni sui lib'ari p't Ric'm del Knolles que' custos aduocar' Sen' petit sicut pl'ies ad lib'tate' d'ni sui & eos h'ent de ducendo de Com' in Com' pena qua decet quous'

18:188 [28 February 1307]

Will'us filius Hugon' de Dutton', Galfridus de Werb'ton', Joh'es de Venables, Thom' fr' eius, Rob'tus fil' Galfr' de Duttone, Joh' de Strangwas, Thom' fr' eius, Thom' fil' Henr'

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de Dutton', Rog^r le Despens^r de Chedle, Henr' Broun de Dutton', Joh' le Rach', Adam Buscy s'uiens Rog^ri de Chedl', Thom' le Prestessone, Will' le Porter s'uiens Galfr'i de Werb'ton', Henr' Page de ead'm Bened'cus Throstle, Rog^r fil' Rob'i Bolt, Rob'tus del Wode de Dutton', Adam Rokat le Crouthere, Petr^s fil' Alcoc de Rixton', Thom' de Wodeford, Ric' s'uiens Celler', Will' fil' Agn' del Schawe, Ric' Haliday, Nich'us fil' Rad'i de Routhesthorn, Simo' fil' Will'i de stocton', Th' de Hallum, Will' fr' eius, Joh' de Hallum, Will' de Worteleg', Will' fil' Will'i de Morthweyt, Ran' de Sondeneheued, Gilb' de Twysse, Ric' del Knolles, Hug' de Aldelondes, Hamo de Baunkhull, Will' del Wode, Rob' Thomesone de Legh', Joh' fr' eius, Thom' del Wode de Dutton', Henr' fr' eius, Rob' fil' Thom' fil' Hug' de Legh', Will' fil' Hugon' le Mulneword, & Rob' le Criour alias exacti fuerunt ad respond' quare die Jou^s in f'o S'ci M^atini anno. r'. r'. nu'.c. xxxiiij^o.¹⁶¹ venerunt apud Donh^am circa occasum solis, & ibid'm saltau'unt & t^ansieru't vlt^a paliciu' p^{ci} Hamon' de Mascy & d'cm p^{cu} int^auerunt & in C^asti'o circa ortum solis, vi & armis exierunt d'cm p^{cu} gladiis a[rcubus &] sagittis & Man'ium ip'ius Hamon' de Donh^am int^auerunt & ibid'm q^amd' Matild' vna' filiar & h[ered' Ric'i de] Stokeport in custodia p^d'ci Ham' existente' ex^a Cam'am ip'ius Ham' vbi p^d'ca Matild' extit'at vi & [armis ceperunt] & ip'am ibid'm in Cur' abduxeru't, & eam spoliau'unt de o'ib^s indum'tis excepta camisia sua. Exp^stf[c'o ip'am secu'] abduxeru't & penes se hucusq' detinent Et p^d'ci Will' & o'es alii ven' & dicu't q'd ip'i t^acti fuerunt [in placitum in Curia] ista sup p^rmissis ad sectam p^d'ci Hamon' de Mascy ad cui^s sectam ip'i recesseru't quiete ppt^r no' ps' p^d'ci [Hamonis & petunt] iud'm Si cont^a tenore' statuti d'ni Reg^s p quod statutu' nulla acc'o competit d'no Regi seu Principi [in huiusmodi casu respondere] debeant. Et d'cm e' eis ex pte d'ni Com' q'd p quibusd' c'tis mandatis & de [ca]usis Justic' Cestr' [interuenientibus] ad p^rsens nequiunt iudical'r delib'ari quousq' aliud p d'cm Com' & ei^s consiliu' hinc inde fu'int ordinat' [Et p^d'cus] Will' fil' Hug' p se & al' optulit d'no Com' decem libras, p sic q'd possint h'ere acquietanc' seu resp' ad [co'em legem] vel quadraginta m^arcas, ita q'd possint de p^d'ca calupn' e'e quiete ad sectam d'ni Com'. Et sup hoc ven' Const' & petit eos, sicut pl'ies, ad lib'tate' d'ni sui lib'ari, p'ter Ric' del Knolles que' custos aduoc' Senesc' [petit] ad lib'tate' d'ni sui. Et eos h'ent de ducend' de Com' in Com' pena qua decet &c' quousq' &c'.

18:263 [4 April 1307]

Will'us fil' Hug' de Dutton' +1+, Galfr' de Werb'ton' +2+, Joh' de Venables +3+, Th' fr' eius +4+, Rob' fil' Galfr' de Dutton' +5+, Joh' de St^angwas +6+, Th' fr' eius +7+, Th' fil' Henr' de Dutton' +8+, Rog^r le Despens^r de Chedle +9+, Henr' Broun de Dutton' +10+, Joh' le Rach' +11+, Ad' Buscy +12+ s'uiens Rog^ri de Chedele, Th' le Prestessone +13+, Will' le Porter s'uiens Galfr' de Werb'ton' +14+, Henr' Page de ead'm +15+, Bened'cus Throstle, Rog^rus fil' Rob'i Bolt, Rob' del Wode de Dutton', Ad' Rokat le Crouthere, Petr^s fil' Alcoc de Ryxton', Thom' de Wodeforde, Ric' s'uiens Celerar', Will' fil' Agn' del Schawe, Ric' Haliday, Nich'us fil' Rad'i de Routhesthorn, Simo' fil' Will'i de Stocton', Thom' de Hallum, Will' fr' eius, Joh' de Hallum, Will' de Wettel', Will' fil' Will'i de Morthweyt, Ran' de Sondeneheued, Gilb' Twisse, Ric' del Cnolles, Hug' de Aldelondes, Hamo de Baunkhull, Will'us del Wode, Rob't Thomesone de Legh', Joh' fr' eius, Thom' del Wode de Dutton', Henr' fr' eius, Rob' fil' Th' fil' Hug' de Legh', Will' fil' Hug' le Mulneword & Rob' le Criour, alias exacti fueru't ad respond' quare die Jou^s in festo S'ci M^atini anno regni Reg^s nu'.c. xxxiiij^o.¹⁶² veneru't apud Donh^am circa occasum solis & ibid'm saltau'unt & t^ansieru't vlt^a paliciu' p^{ci} Hamon' de Mascy & d'cm p^{cu} int^auerunt & in C^asti'o circa ortu' solis vi & armis exieru't d'cm p^{cu} gladiis arcub^s & sagitt^s & Man'iu' ip'ius Hamon' de Donh^am int^aueru't & ibid'm q^amd' Matild' vna' filiar & hered' Ric'i de

¹⁶¹ Friday 11 November 1306

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Stokeport in custod' p^rd'ci Hamon' existente' ex^a Cam^ram ip'ius Hamon' vbi p^rd'ca Matild' extit^rat vi & armis ceperunt & ip'am ibid'm in Cur' abduxerunt, & eam spoliav^runt de o'ib^s indum'tis excepta camisia sua. Exp^stfc'o ip'am secu' abduxeru't & penes se hucusq' detine't Et p^rd'ci Will' & o'es alii ven' & dicunt q'd ip'i t^acti fuerunt in pl'ito in Cur' ista sup p^rmiss' ad secta' p^rd'ci Hamon' de Mascy ad cui^s sectam ip'i recesseru't quieti ppt^r no' ps' p^rd'ci Hamon' vnde petu't iud'm, si cont^a tenore' statut' d'ni Reg^s p^r quod statuta' nulla acc'o competit d'no Regi seu Principi in hi^s casu respondere debeant Et d'cm eis ex pte d'ni Com' q'd p^r quib^sda' c^rtis mandatis & de causis Justic' Cestr' int^ruenientib^s ad p^rsens nequiu't iudicial'r delib'ari quousq' aliud p d'cm Com' & eius consiliu' hinc inde fu'it ordinatu'. Et p^rd'cus Will'us filius Hugon' p se & al' optulit d'no Com' dece' libras p sic q'd possint h'ere acquietanc' seu resp' ad co'em lege' vel quadraginta M^arcas, ita q'd sint de p^rd'ca calu'pn' e'e quiete ad sectam d'ni Com'. Ad quam fine recipiend' inconsulto domino Principi & eius consilio intromitt'e no' curat Et sup hoc venit Custos aduocar' Const' & petit eos & petit eos sic' pl'ies ad lib'tate' d'ni sui lib'are p^rter Ric'm del Knolles que' Custos aduocar' Senesc' sic' pl'ies ad lib'tate' d'ni sui. Et eos h'ent de ducendo in Com' in Com' pena qua decet &c' quousq' &c'.

19:52 [16 May 1307]

Lib'tas Con'

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viii. libr'.

Exact^s pⁱmo

Will'mus fil' Hug' de Dutton' Galfr'us de Werb'tone Joh'nes de Venables Thom' fr' eius Rob'tus filius Galfr'i de Dutton' Joh'nes de Strangwas, Thom' frat' eius, Thom' filius Henr' de Dutton', Rog'us le Despenser de Chedele Henr' Broun de Dutton', Joh'nes le Rath', Adam buscy seruiens Rog'i de Chedele Will'mus le Porter seruiens seruiens¹⁴ Galfr'i de Werb'ton', Henr' Page de ead'm, B'ndictus Throstlee, Rog'us filius Rob'to Bolt Rob'tus del Wode de Dutton', Adam Roket le Crouthere, Petrus fil' Alic' de Ryxton', Thom' de Wodeforde Will'ms filius Agn' del Schawe, Ric'us Alyday Nich'us filius Rad'i de Racthisthorn Simo' fil' Will'i de Stocton' Thom' de Hallum, Will'mus frat' eius Joh'nes de Hallum, Will'mus de Wortel' Will's fil' Will'i de Morthweyt, Ran' de Southeneheued, Gilb'tus Twyse Ric'us del Cnolles, Hug' de Aldelondes, Hamo de Bankhull Will's del Wode +Rob'tus Tomessone de Legh' Joh'es frat' eius Thom' del Wod de Vpton' Henr' fr' eius Rob'tus fil' Thom' fil' Hug' de Legh'+ Will's fil' Hug' le Mulneward, & Rob'tus le Criur capti p spoliac'one pannor Matild' fil' Ric'i de Stoceport venerunt Et quesiti qualif se volint inde acquietar' defendu't omne' felon' & totu' &c' Et dicu't q'd in nullo su't inde culpabil' Et de bono & malo ponu't se sup p^riam I'o capiat' inde Jur^a set ponit' in respectu' vsq' ad px'm Com' p def'cu Militu' qa nullus ven' I'o vic' h'eat corpa &c', Et p^rd'cus Thom' fil' Henr' de Dutton' dicit q'd ip'e est ead'm psona que Thom' del Wode de Dutton' supius no'iat' Et hoc id'm p totu' Com' testat' &c' Et sup hoc ven' Ric'us Starky Custos aduocar' d'ni Com' Linc' const' Cestr', Et de p^rd'cis Will'o fil' Hug' & om'ib^s aliis excepto p^rd'co Ric'o del Cnolles de quos Custos aduocar' Rob'ti de monte alto senescalli Cestr' sicut pl'ies petu't lib'tates d'no^r suor & eis concedunt' sub pena qua decet vsq' ad px'm Com' &c' Et qa p^rd'cus Ric'us Starky custos aduocar' Com' Linc' &c' no' h'uit hic ad hunc die' Ric'm seruiente' Celerarii de quo ad vlt'm Com' petiit lib'tate' d'ni sui, qui p dep^rdac'one p^rd'ca captus extitit Et sibi put moris est secundu' lib'tate' d'ni sui lib'ebat' sub pena octo librar Et nu'c solempnit' vocat^s no' ven' I'o Comes Cestr' recuperet u^rsus p^rd'cm Com' Linc' Const' Cestr' p^rd'cas octo libr^as &c' Et p^rd'cus Ric'us seruiente' Celerari nu'c exact^s pⁱmo &c' Et exig^r s'cdo ad px'm Com' &c' Postea ad px'm Com' videl't die Martis pxi'a post festu' Natiuitat^s s'ci Joh'is Bapt'e ven' p^rd'ci Will's fil' Hug' & alii Et quia vic' Jurat^s & si'liter pl'es de Com' +testantur+ q'd no' fuit Intenc'onis Jur' p^rd'ce inquisic'onis

dixisse q'd p^rd'ci Will'mus & alii spoliaueru't p^rd'cam Mtild', immo dixisse q'd ip'am dispoliaueru't, & nudam cu' camisia sua abduxeru't I'o Jur^a que modo occ'one p^rd'ca ven' ponit^r in respectu' quousq' Cur' hic cu' d'no Com' & eius consilio t^actau'it & inde consulerit &c' Et sup hoc ven' custos aduocar' Com' Linc' Et de p^rd'cis Will'mo fil' Hug' & om'ib^s aliis except' p^rd'cis Hamon' de Bankull & Ric'o del Knolles de quo quid'm Ric'o p^rd'cus custos aduocar' senescall' p^rd'ci sicut pl'ies petu't lib'tate' d'no^r suor I'o eis lib'ant' sub pena &c' H'nd' corpa eor hic ad volu'tate' d'ni Com' Ita tam' q'd p^rmuniantr p vnu' mense' ante Com' &c' Et p^rd'cus Hamo int'im custodiat Et int'im cessat vtlag' de p^rd'co Ric'o le Celerisman Et p^r est vic' q'd ponat in respectu' de p^rd'cis octo libr' leuand' quousq' aliud hu'it in p^rcept' &c'

On 2 April 1308 Nicholas Barnes killed Walter de Cresswellshaw at Great Budworth, and fled. The townships and the coroner of Bucklow reported that Nicholas had had 25 pigs and two piglets, worth sixpence, and a stirk worth 12d, and a silver buckle, all of which should have fallen to the Crown. The sheriff took one pig and the buckle for pelfry; the serjeants of the peace had another pig for their fee. 23 pigs were sent to Chester castle, for which the Constable would answer (15s); and Nicholas held 7 acres of land at farm, of which 4 acres were sown with oats, worth 10s. The township would answer for the oats, the piglet and the stirk.

Robert de Barnes senior, William de Flixton, Robert de Barnes and Alicia wife of Roger Priest were attached for having helped take Nicholas goods out of the county, and for sheltering him. The keeper of the avowries of the Constable of Chester claimed them, and they were delivered to him.

Hamon de Feldaye was attached to answer for aiding and abetting Nicholas; whereupon the keeper of the avowries of the Seneschal of Chester claimed him, and he was delivered to him.

John Sleirpin, arraigned for having helped Nicholas drive his cattle out of the county, did not appear; the sheriff had been ordered to attach him, but reported that he could not be found.

20:510 [23 April 1308]

Buckelowe

Cat' xvj.s'.vj.d'.

Rob'us de & soc' sui de xs'.

Exig^r. postea

[Fecit] fine' vt [in] ro'lo de finib^s

Presentat' est p Coronator' de Buckelowe & p quatuor villat'. scil't. Buddeworth' Aston' Tabbeley supior & Pykem'e. q'd Nich'us Bornes die Martis px' an' d'nicam in Ramis palm'.¹⁶³ interfecit Walt'm de Cressewalleschaghe Et statim post f'cm fugit. Quesiti [si] aliqui fu'nt in vi & auxil'. eiusd' mortis, dicu't q'd no', nec alicubi receptat^s. Et male credit'. I'o Exigat^r &c'. Et h'uit in bonis .xxv. porcos & .ij. porcell' p'c' .vj.d'. & .J. stirdett¹⁶⁴ p'c' .xij.d'. & .J. fermac'lm de argento. quor porcor. vic' h'uit .vnu'. simul [cu'] fermac'lo p feod' suo q'd vocat' Pelfr'. & s'uiuent' pacis h'ueru't aliu' porc'm p feod' suo &c'. Et .xxiij

¹⁶³ Tuesday 2 April 1308

¹⁶⁴ sic, for stirkell'

porci missi ad Castr' [Cestr'] vnd' Constabul'. r' +de xv.s'.+ & tenuit septe' acr' t're ad firma' quar' iij acr' se'iate fu'nt cu' auen'. p'c'. x.s'. vnd' villat' respond' p'ce' porcell' & stirkell'

Et qa hi^s p'sentac'o est suspecta I'o Inq'rat' inde v'itas p'p'riam &c'. Et p'ceptu' est vic' q'd venire fac'.xij. &c' ad Inquire[nd']

Jurator' dicu't sup' sacr'm suu' q'd p'sentac'o illa bona est nec aliud sciu't dic'e q'm p'sentatu' est

Lib' Const'

Rob'us de Bornes senior. ~~Will's de Flixton'~~ ~~Rob'us de Bornes~~ & Alicia vx' Rog'i Prest attach' +fu'nt+ p' auxil' fugand' bona [Nich'i] Bornes ex^a. Com' Cestr'. Et p' receptame'to eiusd' Nich'i. Et sup' hoc ven' custos aduoc' constabular' Cestr' et petit eos liberari ad lib'tate' d'ni sui. Et liberant' ei. sub pena qua decet.

Lib' Senescall'

Hamo de Feldaye. attach'. ad respond' de eo q'd fuit in auxilio cu' p'd'co Nich'o ad p'd'cam felon' faciend'. Et sup' hoc [ven' custos]aduocar' Senescall' Cestr'. & petit ip'm sibi lib'ari. ad lib'tate' d'ni sui & lib'atur ei. sub pena qua decet.

cap'

..... cap'.

Joh'es Sleirpin arrectat^s de eo q'd fuit in auxil' cu' p'd'co Nich'o ad fugand'. pecora ip'ius Nich'i ex^a Com' Cestr'. q' d'no Reg' p' felon' f'cam. no' ven'. Et p'ceptu' fuit vic' q'd attach'. eu'. &c'. Et vic' modo mand' q'd no' est inuent^s. I'o capiat' [&c']

Keepers of the Seneschal's Avowries