

BAILIFFS
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CHES 29/1–22
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Bailiffs of the Constable

The earls of Lincoln were at this period the hereditary Constables of Chester: their most extensive estate in the county was the fee of Halton (Haltonshire), but they had other property, as well as interest in all their avowries.

In August 1310 the coroner of Bucklow hundred presented that a man called Sagher stole a horse in the hundred of Macclesfield, and William, a servant of Richard de Pedley followed the thief with the horse as far as Walton, where he found Sagher going along with a saw in his hand and a lad leading the horse, whereupon William took the horse and bound it to an arm of the said man called Sagher and let the lad go. Immediately afterwards he sought out the bailiffs of the earl of Lincoln for Halton and they beheaded Sagher. But because William would not pay the bailiffs their fee for decapitation, they seized the horse and took it to Chester castle. Afterwards Hugh le Mercer pledged to bring to the court either the horse or its value (6s 8d).

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Coronator de Buckelowe p'sent' q'd quid' h'o d'cus Sagher furabat' quemd' equ' in Hundr' de Maclesfeld Et quid' Will's seruiens Ric'i de Peddeleg' sequebat' latron' cu' equo & apud Walton' inuenit p'd'cm ho'iem d'cm Sagher eunte' cum siga in manu sua & quemd' garco'em ducent' equ' illu', vnde id' Will' cepit equ' ill' & ligau' ad brachiu' p'd'ci ho'is d'ci Sagher & garco'em h'ere p'misit, Et statim postea fecit querer' balli'os Lincoln' de Halton' & capud p'd'ci ho'is d'ci Sagher amputau'unt, Et qa p'd'cus Will' p'd'cis Ball'is feod' suu' q'd eis p'tinuit p' decollac'oe [p'd'ca non] soluebat, equ' remansit quousq' feodu' &c' — Et id'm Coronator equ' ill' seisiu'. & ad Castr' Cestr' p'sent' [Et] postea Hugo le M'cer manuc' ad h'end' ad hu'c Com' p'd'cm equ' vel p'ciu scil'.dj'. M^arc'