

BOROUGHES
in the Chester County Pleas,
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de Frodsham

On Friday 12 December 1292 William le Butler of Warrington was stopped on the highway in Frodsham by Nicholas the chaplain of Frodsham, Richard son of Thomas Payn and Gaylard the bailiff of Frodsham, who seized his horse and six cloths of blue and camlet, and took them to the manor, keeping them until the following Sunday.

Gaylard explained that Payn had made a complaint against Butler; as Butler had no property within his bailiwick, Gaylard, as bailiff, had detained the horse and cloth for security. The seizure had been made in the burgage of one Henry son of Walter de Frodsham, and therefore within his jurisdiction, and not on the highway: Gaylard had acted according to the custom of the manor.

Butler said that Gaylard had made the seizure without giving him the details of the supposed complaint, nor had he specified where the supposed trespass had taken place.

Gaylard stated that Constance Byern, the lady of Frodsham manor, held the manor for life, by way of dower, the manor reverting to the Crown after her death: it was, however, essentially a royal manor.

7:327a: 7 July 1293

Froddesh^am

Nicol' cap'ls de Frodesch^am. Ric'. fil' Thom' Payn. & Gaylard ball's de Frodesch^am atach' fuerunt ad respond' Will'o le Botiler de Werinton'. de pl'o capc'o'ois catall'. Et vnde q' q'd die ven'is p^xa post festu' s'ci Nicol' p^xi'o p^rt'it'.¹⁸ apd Frodesch^am in alta strata que'da' equu' suu' cu' .q^atuor +.sex+ pannis de bluetto & cameliu' cepunt & ad Man'iu' de Frodesch^am dux'unt & vsq' die' d'nicam sequ'tem cont^a vad' & pl'. detinuer't. q^ousq' &c'. Et vnde det'iorat^s est & da'pnu' h't ad valenc^am &c' & off't secta'.

Et p^rd'ci Nicol' & alij veniu't & defendunt vim &c'. q^ando &c'. Et d'cus Gaylard ut ball's de Frodesch^am res^d. p se & alijs. & dicit q'd cu' d'cus Ric's fil' Th' Payn. de q^adam t^ansgr' p^rp^rfatu' Will'm s' illata p vad' & pl' conq'stus fuerat eid'm Ac ip'e Will's n^l h'uit inf^a balli'am sua' p q'd potuit iusticiar' nⁱ t'm equu' p^rd'cm ut p^rd'cm est on'atu' districco'm p^rd'cam sup ip'm Will' ad res^d p^rd'co Ric'o. de t^ansgr' p^rd'ca in q^oda' burgagio Henr' fil' Walt'i de Frodesch^am s'cdm consuetudine' Man'ij illius fecit & no' in alta st^ata. Et ita aduocat distr' p^rd'cam esse iusta'. Et p^rfat^s Will' dicit q'd. d'cus Gaylard ad tale' aduocac'om admitti no' deb'. qⁱa dicit. q'd ncc^aio requi't q'd ball's ille qⁱ hi^s distr' fac'e debet p cont^actu v'l t^ansgr' q^acumq' h'eat noticia' q'd cont^act^s siue t^ansgr' illa f'ca sit inf^a iurisd'com sua'. Ita q'd debite exsecuc'om illa' pot'it demandare. Et p^rfat^s Gaylard in aduoc'oe distr' p^rd'ce ad secta' p^rfati Ric'i de t^ansgr' sibi f'ca conq'rentis, minime specificat vbi t^ansgr' illa si q^a fu'it, eid'm fuerat illata, Et petit iudiciu'. Et [blank]

Et p^rfat^s Gailard' dicit q'd q^aq^a d'na sua Constanc' de Byerne. teneat Man'iu' de Frodesch^am no'ie dotis, post obit' suu' d'no regi reu'tet'. Et dicit q'd ball'i illius Man'ij semp hucusq' solebant fac'e h'i^s distr' ad secta' cui^scumq' de q^acumq' t^ansgr' siue c^actu. siue

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*+infra+ lib'tate' d'ci Man'ij siue ex^a. f'cis, & querelas inde det'minare. Et hoc pat^s est
verificare p statu d'ni regis. si cur' consid' q'd absq' ip'o rege hoc facere debeat. Et petit
iudiciu' s'lr*

Ad iudiciu'

William son of Adam son of John de Frodsham accused John son of Walter de Frodsham and Robert and Henry his brothers of having, on Monday 29 August 1300 broken the doors of his houses and stolen a sword, bow and arrows, an overcoat, another sword and a bowl, worth in all 20s. The jury disagreed, and he was amerced half a mark (6s 8d) for false claim.

13:58: 10 January 1301

p^r. m'ia alibi

*Will'ms fil' Ade fil' Joh'nis de Frodesham. op. se. u^s. Joh'em fil' Walt'i de Frodesham
Rob'tm & Henr' fr'es ip'ius Joh'nis in pl'o t^{ns}. vnde quer' q'd die Lune in festo Decollac'
s'ci Joh' Bapt'e anno. r'. r'. E. xxvij^o¹⁹. vi & armis ostia domo^r ip'ius Will'i Frodesham
noctant' freg'unt, bona & cat' sua ibid'm inue'ta videl't vnu' ensem cu' arcu & sagittis vna'
suptu'icam, aliam ensem & peluem ad valenc' viginti solid' asportau'unt, & alia enormia ei
intuleru't &c', vnde det'iorat^s est & dampnu' h't &c' Et p'd'ci Joh'nes fil' Walt'i, Rob's &
Henr' fr'es eius vniu't & defendunt vim &c', q^{ndo} &c', Et d'nt q'd ip'i sunt om'io immunes
in p'missis, Et hoc petunt q'd inquir', Et p'd'cus Will'ms simil'r, Ideo fiat inde inquis', Et p'c'
est vic' q'd venire fac' .xij. &c'. qui nec. &c'. Postea ad Com' die Martis p^x^a p^st f'm Pur'
b'te Mar'²⁰ ven' Jur' q' d'nt q'd p'd'ci Joh'nes Rob's & Henr', quieti sunt de t^{ns}gr' p'd'ca,
Ideo p'd'cs Will'ms filius Ade in m'ia.*

13:99: 7 February 1301

m'ia. d'j. m'.

*D Will'mo fil' Ade fil' Joh'is de Froddesham p f'lo clam' u^s Joh'em fil' Walt'i de
Frodesham & alios in br'i de pl'ito t^{ns} ppl' Nich'i Gamel cap'lli*

¹⁹ Monday 29 August 1300

²⁰ Tuesday 7 February 1301