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Jordan de Winburn

Master Jordan de Winburn, archdeacon of Chester, acted as an arbitrator in a case involving Harborne church.

1279

Magnum Registrum Album f.935 f: HMC xiv viii 216

On f. 935 begins a series of documents concerning the church of Harborne and the chapel of Edgebaston claimed by Henry de Gamo, prebendary of Gaye Minor as pertaining to his prebend, and by the dean and chapter as pertaining to the common fund (communa) of the church. Both parties agreed, with the consent of the bishop, to refer the dispute to the arbitration of Jordan de Wimburn, archdeacon of Chester, and of Walkelin de Houton, canon of the church, 1279, who gave their decision in favour of the chapter. Henry de Gamo accepted the decision and resigned the benefice, 9 Oct. 1279. In course of time a suit was brought against the dean and chapter by Reynierus de Wichio, called de Florencia, clerk of the archbishop of Canterbury, in the archbishop's court; but the prosecutor withdrew from the case, 11 May 1283.

Jordan attended at Winchester in January 1280 as proctor for the dean and chapter of Lichfield:

2 January 1280

Close Roll 8 Edward I m. 11d [42-43]

Enrolment of agreement between the prior and convent of Lenton, diocese of York, of the order of Cluny, and the dean and chapter of Lichfield, witnessing that whereas disputes had arisen between them concerning tithes in the parish of Bathekewell, Hope, and Tydeswell, in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, and concerning the spoliation of the tithes by armed force by the dean and chapter or their servants, as the prior and convent asserted to the king, and concerning the observance of a composition between the dean and chapter and the prior and convent relating to the tithes made long before; in the king's court at Winchester on the morrow of St. Thomas of Canterbury, the third (sic) kalend of January, 1279,⁹ the parties being present in court, to wit the prior in person and Humfrey his fellow-monk, with procuratory power for the prior and convent, the prior protesting and promising that the power of the said monk and proctor could not be weakened by his presence, and master Adam de Waleton, chancellor of Lichfield, and master Jordan, archdeacon of Chester, with procuratory power for the dean and chapter, the king, the patron of the church of Lichfield and of that of Lenton, appointed as arbitrators between the parties by their consent sir Anthony Bek, archdeacon of Durham, and master Thomas Bek, archdeacon of Dorset, brethren and fellow-canons of Lichfield. The arbitrators ordained that the composition made by papal authority concerning the tithes by master Adam de Stafford, sometime archdeacon of Chester, and brother Walter, sometime warden of the Friars Minors of Leicester, the judges appointed by the pope, shall be observed inviolably for the future, the arbitrators adjudging the tithes to the prior and convent and that the latter shall pay to the dean and

⁹ Saturday 30 December 1279

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chapter before St Chad's, 1279, in the cathedral church of Lichfield 75 marks due to them by the composition aforesaid, which composition, now deposited with the abbot of Derb[eye], shall be rendered to the prior and convent together with the letter made to them for the assignment of the tithes for the exchange (permutacione) of the tithes of Tydeswell, and that the prior and convent shall pay to the dean and chapter, in order to have peace concerning the tithes for ever, 250 marks to be paid in the cathedral church of Lichfield by 40 marks yearly from Michaelmas 1280, 13s. 4d. to be counted to the mark. They also ordain that the prior and convent shall give, assign and warrant by their letters patent to the dean and chapter the right of patronage of a moiety of the church of Honesworth, and shall cause this grant to be confirmed by a final concord in the king's court and by sufficient security. If the prior and convent fail to make the aforesaid payments, grant, and security, they shall be bound to the dean and chapter in 1000 marks to be paid in the name of interest, for payment of which 1000 marks the prior and proctor of the prior and convent bound themselves, submitting themselves and all their goods in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield to the distraint of the bishop, renouncing all exceptions and privileges, and they also promised that they would do all that they could to procure the approval of the premises by their abbot of Cluny and also by his letters patent. Similarly the dean and chapter will confirm (emologabunt) and approve the presents by their letters patent, and their proctors promised to do all that they could to obtain the bishop's confirmation. Concerning confirmation by the archbishop of Canterbury and the pope, it is agreed that the parties shall appoint a proctor, who shall obtain at the expense of the prior and convent confirmation of the premises and of the said composition. The parties promise to observe the premises under pain of 100l. with damages, expenses and interest, and submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the bishop of Coventry in this matter.

The letter of procuration of the dean and chapter under their great seal shall remain in possession of the prior and convent, and that of the latter in possession of the dean and chapter. Sealed by the arbitrators and proctors, the arbitrators decreeing that the authentic seals of the parties shall be added. Done at Winchester, on the morrow of the Circumcision, 1279 [-80].¹⁰

Jordan appears to have travelled abroad in 1281.

26 October 1281

Patent Roll 9 Edward I m.5 (13) [254]

Letters of attorney to master Jordan de Wimburn', going by licence to parts beyond seas, in favour of master Robert de Thorp' and Jordan de Winterburn'.

For some reason a crisis arose between the archdeacon and the bishop in 1282, and the archbishop of Canterbury intervened to try to defuse the matter.

[September 1282]

Reg Peckham cccxvii R. f. 81v, A. f. 134 [ii 411]

To the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield

¹⁰ Tuesday 2 January 1280

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Asks him to certify that he had not excommunicated the archdeacon of Chester.

R[ogero], Dei gratia Conventrensi et Lichfeldensi epicopo, salutem et sinceram semper in Domino caritatem. Cum magister Jordanus de Wymburne, archidiaconus Cestriæ, nobis nuper intimasset et exposuisset cum querela, quod ipse ex relatu quorundam intellexit quandam excommunicationis seu interdicti sententiam per vos seu per officialem vestrum in ipsum fuisse latenter fulminatam, ac eo prætextu per vos invocatum contra eundem brachium sæculare, super quibus contra vos quandam literam citatoriam a nobis obtinuit, volensque idem archidiaconus omnem dubitationem super hoc de corde ipsius si posset eruere, ad præsentiam vestram in humilitate qua decuit personaliter accessit, supplicans vobis cum instantia reverenti, quatenus si qua excommunicationis seu interdicti sententia per vos seu officialem vestrum in ipsum fuerit vos eidem archidiacono, ut asserit, dixistis coram multis, et officialis vester coram vobis tunc personaliter existens vobiscum asseruit pro constanti, quod nullam excommunicationis seu interdicti sententiam per vos seu per officialem vestrum seu per quemcunque alium unquam in ipsum fulminastis, seu fulminari fecistis quoquo modo. Unde idem archidiaconus dicta vestra et confessionem vestram secutus, usui illius literæ citatoriæ contra vos super hoc a nobis impetratæ renunciavit expresse per literas sua patentes, in quibus de confessione vestra, ob quam prædictæ literæ et ejus usui renunciavit, mentio ut asserit continetur. Petiitque idem archidiaconus quod literas vestras super hoc sibi concedere curaretis, vel saltem transcriptum literæ suæ vobis super hoc confectæ sub sigillo vestro daretis eidem, quæ omnia ut asserit facere denegastis. Unde fraternitatem vestram rogamus et exhortamur in Domino, quatenus quæ de labiis vestris processerunt non facientes irrita, super dictis et confessionibus vestris in præmissis dicto archidiacono literas vestras sub sigillo vestro patentes precumstrarum instantia concedatis, vel si in eundem archidiaconum aliquam excommunicationis seu interdicti sententiam per vos seu officialem vestrum fulminastis seu fulminari fecistis, et si ipsum archidiaconum tanquam excommunicatum vitare debeamus, nobis intimare curetis et causam. Et quid super præmissis facere decreveritis nobis infra festum Apostolorum Symonis et Judæ per vestras patentes literas constare faciatis. Valete.

20 December 1284, Lydinton

Reg Peckham dcxxiii R. f. 20v, A. f. 128v [iii 868]

To pope Martin IV

Sends W. de Sardenyn, rector of Chiddingstone, as his proctor to Rome.

Sanctissimo in Christo patri ac domino Martino Divina providentia sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ ac universalis ecclesiæ summo Pontifici, frater Johannes permissione ejusdem Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister totius Angliæ primas, cum filiali reverentia pedum oscula beatorum. Licet ex sincera cordis affectione, quam merito erga sanctam sublimitatem vestram et sacrosanctam Romanam ecclesiam tanquam matrem omnium reverentissimam et magistram habeo, prout me teneri fateor multiplici ratione, desiderem beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli limina personaliter visitare; quia, cum circa ecclesiæ meæ prædictæ statum et negotia ad præsens multipliciter occupatus, hoc meum desiderium per me ipsum nequeo adimplere, ad pedes sanctitatis vestræ dilectum clericum et familiarem meum magistrum Willelmum de Sardenya, rectorem ecclesiæ de Chidingestane, exhibito rem præsentium, procuratorem meum et nuncium specialem transmitto ad prædicta beatorum apostolorum limina meo nomine visitanda, statumque meum et ecclesiæ meæ vestræ sanctitati piissimæ exponendum et recommendandum, omniaque alia faciendum quæ ego ratione visitationis

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hujusmodi facere deberem si personaliter præsens essem, ratum et gratum habiturus quicquid præfatus magister Willelmus in hac parte meo nomine duxerit faciendum. Supplico itaque, pater sanctissime, ut per prædicti procuratoris mei et nuncii præsentiam habere dignemini meam absentiam excusatam, mihi vero per eundem, si placet, sanctitatis vestræ beneplacita demandantes. Custodiat Dominus incolumitatem vestram ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ per tempora longiora. Scriptum apud Lydinton', xiii. kal. Januarii, anno Domini mclxxxiii.

Consimilis tenor dirigitur magistro Waltero de Bath', et magistro Willelmo de Sardinia, conjunctim et divisim. Item, idem tenor dirigitur magistro Jordano archidiacono Cestriæ, et dicto magistro Willelmo, conjunctim et divisim

The abbot of Chester sued Jordan de Winburn archdeacon of Chester in 1288 for a debt of £100. Jordan having failed to appear in court on four occasions; as Jordan had no lay fee by which he could be attached or distrained an appeal was made to the bishop, who sequestered all Jordan's clerical possessions, but Jordan would not appear. The sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain the bishop.

4:202: 4 May 1288

p^r.

Esson' Abb'is Cestr'. op. se. u^s Jord'm de Winburn' Arch'i^s Cestr' de pl'o q'd reddat ei Cent' lib^as, Et id' Jord's no' venit & vic' testif' q'd n'llm h't laicu' feodu'. n^c aliquid in laico feodo inf^a ball'm sua' in q^o possit sum' p +Ministru' tempalem recipe, attach', v'l dist'ng'+ I'o mandet' Ep'o Cestr' q'd fac' ip'm venire hⁱ ad px'm Com' p^rd'co Abb'i inde respons'

4:272: 15 June 1288

Abbas Cestr'. op. se. u^s. Jord'm de Wymburn' Archid'm Cestr' de pl'o debiti, & ip'e no' venit & fec' defalta' ad px'm Com' vn' mand' fuit Ep'o q'd h'eret ip'm hⁱ ad hunc die', qⁱ nichil inde fecit n' mandauit &c'. I'o p^rc' est +mandet'+ ei sic' pⁱus q'd h'eat eu' hⁱ ad px' Com', p^rd'co Abb'i inde respons'.

4:283: 27 July 1288

M'ia

Abbas Cestr' qui tulit br'e .u^s. Mag'rm Jord'm de Wynburn' de pl'o debiti no' ps' br'e suu', I'o ip'e in m'ia

4:332: 21 September 1288

Abb's Cestr' op. se. u^s. Jordanu' de Wynburne Archid' Cestr' de pl'o q'd reddat ei Cent' li'. & ip'e no' venit & p^rcept' fuit vic' q'd sum' ip'm q'd esset hic ad hu'c diem qui nⁱ inde fec' s' mandauit q'd +.... est &+ no' h't laicu' feod' in ball'ia sua n^c aliquid p q'd distr' potest i'o mandet' Ep'o q'd fac' eum venire ad px'm Cestr'

5:18: 19 October 1288

p^r.

Abbas Cestr'. op. se. u^s. Mag'rm Jord'm de Wynburn' de pl'o q'd reddat ei. Centum lib^as, &c'. Et ip'e no' ven', Et mand' fuit Ep'o Couentr' & Lichesf'. q'd qu'a p^rd'cus Jord's Cl'icus fuit & no' h'uit laicum feod' p q'd potuit dist'nge adven' &c', q'd fac'et ip'm venire hic ad hunc die' ad respondd' &c'. Qui resc'psit q'd puentus om'es ad p^rd'cm Mag'rm Jord'm r'one Archidiaconat^s sui Cestr', qualif'cumq' spectantes sequestrauit & adhuc sub

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artisimo sequestro firmit^r fac' custodiri. Et cons', q'd p^rd'cus Ep's distⁱngat^r p^r om'es t^rras &c'. Et q'd vic' de exitib^s eorumd'm r'ndeat Ita q'd h'eat corpus suu' h' ad p^rx'm Com', ad fac' venire p^rd'cm Mag'rm Jord'm ad respondd' p^rfato Abb'i de pl'o p^rd'co

5:69: 19 October 1288

p^r.

Abbas Cestr' p^r attorn' suu' op. se. u^s. Jord'm de Wymburn' Archid'm Cestr' de pl'o q'd reddat ei Centu' libras, Et ip'e no' ven', & mandatu' fuit vic' q'd distr' Ep'm Cestr' p^r om'es t^rras &c', et q'd de exitib^s eord'm &c'. Ita q'd corp^s suu' H'eret hic ad hunc die' ad respondd' p^rfato Abb'i &c'. Qui quid'm Ep's remandat q'd sequest^auit om'es p^ruent^s & exitus Archidiaconat^s p^rd'ci quousq' &c'. Et mandet^r vic' sicut p^rius q'd distr' p^rfatu' Ep'm p^r om'es terras &c'. Et q'd de exitib^s eorumd' &c'. Ita q'd corpus &c'

In May 1288 the abbot of Chester sued Jordan de Winburn, the archdeacon of Chester, for £100. Jordan would not come to court, and the sheriff said that Jordan had no lay property which a temporal minister could receive, attach or distrain. The bishop was therefore requested to make Winburn come to court to answer. The bishop said that he had sequestered all Winburn's property as archdeacon, but Jordan would not appear. The sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain the bishop's property.

4:202: 4 May 1288

p^r.

Esson' Abb'is Cestr'. op. se, u^s Jord'm de Winburn' Arch'i^s Cestr' de pl'o q'd reddat ei Cent' lib^as, Et id' Jord's no' venit & vic' testif' q'd n'llm h't laicu' feodu'. n^c aliquid in laico feodo inf^a ball'm sua' in q^o possit sum' p^r +Ministru' tempalem recipe, attach', v'l distⁱng'+ I'o mandet^r Ep'o Cestr' q'd fac' ip'm venire h'i ad p^rx'm Com' p^rd'co Abb'i inde respons'

4:272: 15 June 1288

Abbas Cestr'. op. se. u^s. Jord'm de Wymburn' Archid'm Cestr' de pl'o debiti, & ip'e no' venit & fec' defalta' ad p^rx'm Com' vn' mand' fuit Ep'o q'd h'eret ip'm h'i ad hunc die', q' nichil inde fecit n' mandauit &c'. I'o p^rc' est +mandet^r+ ei sic' p^rius q'd h'eat eu' h'i ad p^rx' Com', p^rd'co Abb'i inde respons'.

4:283: 27 July 1288

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Abbas Cestr' qui tulit br'e .u^s. Mag'rm Jord'm de Wynburn' de pl'o debiti no' ps' br'e suu', I'o ip'e in m'ia

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5:18: 19 October 1288

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Abbas Cestr'. op. se. u^s. Mag'rm Jord'm de Wynburn' de pl'o q'd reddat ei. Centum lib^as, &c'. Et ip'e no' ven', Et mand' fuit Ep'o Couentr' & Lichesf'. q'd qu'a p^rd'cus Jord's

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Cl'icus fuit & no' h'uit laicum feod' p q'd potuit dist'inge adven' &c', q'd fac'et ip'm venire hic ad hunc die' ad respondd' &c'. Qui resc'psit q'd puentus om'es ad p'd'cm Mag'rm Jord'm r'one Archidiaconat' sui Cestr', qualif'cumq' spectantes sequestrauit & adhuc sub artisimo sequestro firmit' fac' custodiri. Et cons', q'd p'd'cus Ep's dist'ngat' p om'es t'ras &c'. Et q'd vic' de exitib^s eorumd'm r'ndeat Ita q'd h'eat corpus suu' h' ad p'x'm Com', ad fac' venire p'd'cm Mag'rm Jord'm ad respondd' p'fato Abb'i de pl'o p'd'co

5:69: 30 November 1288

p^r.

Abbas Cestr' p attorn' suu' op. se. u^s. Jord'm de Wymburn' Archid'm Cestr' de pl'o q'd reddat ei Centu' libras, Et ip'e no' ven', & mandatu' fuit vic' q'd distr' Ep'm Cestr' p om'es t'ras &c', et q'd de exitib^s eord'm &c'. Ita q'd corp^s suu' H'eret hic ad hunc die' ad respondd' p'fato Abb'i &c'. Qui quid'm Ep's remandat q'd sequest^auit om'es puent^s & exitus Archidiaconat' p'd'ci quousq' &c'. Et mandet' vic' sicut pⁱus q'd distr' p'fatu' Ep'm p om'es terras &c'. Et q'd de exitib^s eorumd' &c'. Ita q'd corpus &c'