WINCHESTER REGISTERS: JOHN DE PONTISSARA

The Bishop's letter of 25 October 1301, directing the Dean of Ewell to induct the Abbey's proctor into corporal possession of the appropriated Rectory of Morden, is recorded in his Register, transcribed and published by Surrey Record Society as *Regestrum Johannis de Pontissara Episcopi Wyntoniensis* Vol. I (1913) pp. 117-8:-

INDUCTION INTO THE CHURCH OF MORDEN.

[25.10.1301]

J., by grace of God, etc, to the beloved son ... the dean of Ewell, greetings, [etc].

Because, with justice persuading us, we assigned the church of Morden of our diocese, vacant by the resignation of Master Gerard de Standon, late rector of the same, to the religious men ... the abbot and the convent of the monastery of Westminster out of certain and legitimate causes, we command you that you induct the proctor of the same religious men into corporal possession of the said church and defend him once he has been inducted. Dated at Esher 8th kalend of November AD 1301, of our consecration, etc.

Westminster Abbey Muniments Book 11: 'The Westminster Domesday', fo. 172b

Letter of W., vicar of Epsom and dean of Ewell, concerning the church of Morden [1301]

Be it known to all by these presents that we, W., vicar of Epsom and dean of Ewell, on the Monday next before the feast of All Saints, AD 1301, have fully inducted the lord abbot of Westminster and the convent of the same place, by brother Walter of Arkesdene of the aforesaid monastery, fellow monk, proctor of the same, into corporal possession of the church of Morden with all its rights and appurtenances according to the letter of the lord J., by grace of God, bishop of Winchester. In testament of which matter, the seal of the said deanery of Ewell has been affixed to these presents. Dated at Morden on the day and year, above-said.

marginal note: "We do not still have the original"