

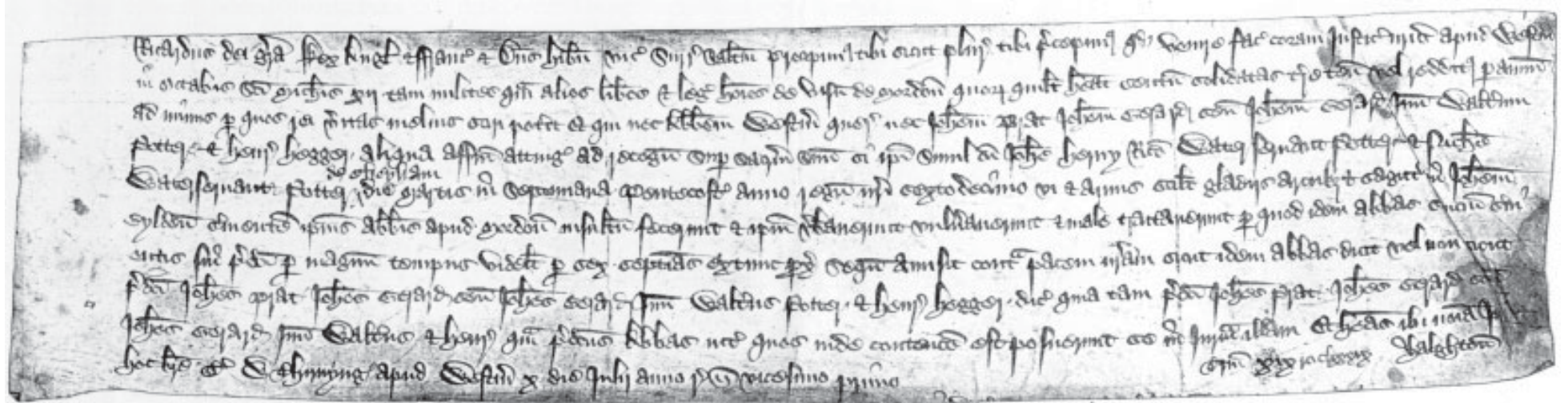
Westminster Abbey Muniments 1838: (cf WAM 1839)

Description

Royal writ to (John Salerne) Sheriff of Surrey to summon a jury of twelve persons from the view of Morden to try the case between (William of Colchester) Abbat of Westminster and John Prat, John Gerard sen., John Gerard jun., Walter Potter, Henry Hegger, John Heruy, Richard Waterseruant, potter, and Nicholas Waterseruant, potter, of Cheyham, whether on Tuesday in Whitsun week 16 Richard II (27 May 1393) they assaulted John Gildene, the Abbat's servant at Morden.

Witn. W(illiam) Thirnyng, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

Dat. at Westminster 10 July 21 Richard II (AD 1397)



Ricardus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie vicecomiti Surrey salutem. Precipimus tibi sicut plures tibi precepimus quod venire facias coram justiciariis nostris apud Westminster
Richard, by grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to the sheriff of Surrey, greetings. We direct you just as we usually direct you, that you will cause to come before our justices at Westminster

in octavus Sancte Michaelis xii tam milites quam alios libros et legales homines de visneto de Morden quorum quilibet habeat centum solidatas terre tenementorum vel redditus per annum
on the octave of Saint Michael, twelve, both knights and other free and lawful men from the neighbourhood of Morden of whom each has 100 shillings of land, tenements or annual rent

ad minus per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit et qui nec Abbatem Westminster querens nec Johannem Prat, Johannem Gerard senior, Johannem Gerard junior, Walter
at least, by whom the truth of the matter may the better be known, and who neither the Abbot of Westminster, plaintiff, nor John Prat, John Gerard senior, John Gerard junior, Walter

Potter et Henry Hegger aliqua affinitate attingunt ad recognoscendum super sacramentum suum si ipsi omnis cum Johannem Hery, Richard Waterservant, potter, et Nicholas
Potter and Henry Hegger touch by any affinity,* to examine upon their oaths, whether they all, with John Hery, Richard Waterservant, potter, and Nicholas

Waterservant, potter, ^{de Estcheyham} die Martis in septimania pentecostis anno regni nostris sextodecimo vi et armis scilicet gladiis arcibus et sagittis versus Johannem
Waterservant, potter ^{of East Cheam,} on Tuesday in Whitsun week in the sixteenth year of our reign, with force and arms, that is with swords and bows and arrows, assaulted John

Gyldene servientem ipsius Abbatis apud Morden insultum fecerint et ipsum verberaverunt et vulneraverunt et male tractaverunt per quod idem Abbatis servitium servientis
Gyldene, the servant of the Abbot himself at Morden, and beat and wounded and evilly handled the same, such that the same Abbot lost the service

suis predicti per magnum tempus videlicet per sex septimanas extunc proxima sequerent amisit contra pacem nostram sicut idem Abbatis dicit vel non sicut of his aforesaid servant for a great time, namely for six weeks following thereafter, against our peace, just as the same Abbot says, or if not, just as

predicti Johannes Prat, Johannes Gerard senior, Johannes Gerard junior, Walter Potter et Henry Hegger dicunt quia tam predicti Johannes Prat, Johannes Gerard senior, the aforesaid John Prat, John Gerard senior, John Gerard junior, Walter Potter and Henry Hegger say, because both the aforesaid John Prat, John Gerard senior,

Johannes Gerard junior, Walter et Henry quam predictus Abbas inter quos inde contentus est posuerunt se in juratum illam et habeas ibi nominas juratorum et John Gerard junior, Walter and Henry, and the aforesaid Abbot, between whom whereof there is the dispute, submit themselves to that jury. And have there the named jurors and

hoc breve Teste W. Thirnyng apud Westminster x die Julii anno Regni Nostrri vicesimo primo. this writ. Witness W. Thirnyng at Westminster, 10 July, in the twenty-first year of our reign.

NOTES:

Although several of these writs refer to this case, only this writ and WAM 1839 give so much detail. The original offence had taken place on the Tuesday in Whitsun week 16 Richard II – 27 May 1393 – but was still settled in November 1397. In the meantime Walter Potter was frequently presented at the Morden manor court for trespass in the common pasture of ‘Sparwefeld’ (BL 56038-9).

* ie are related by any ties