

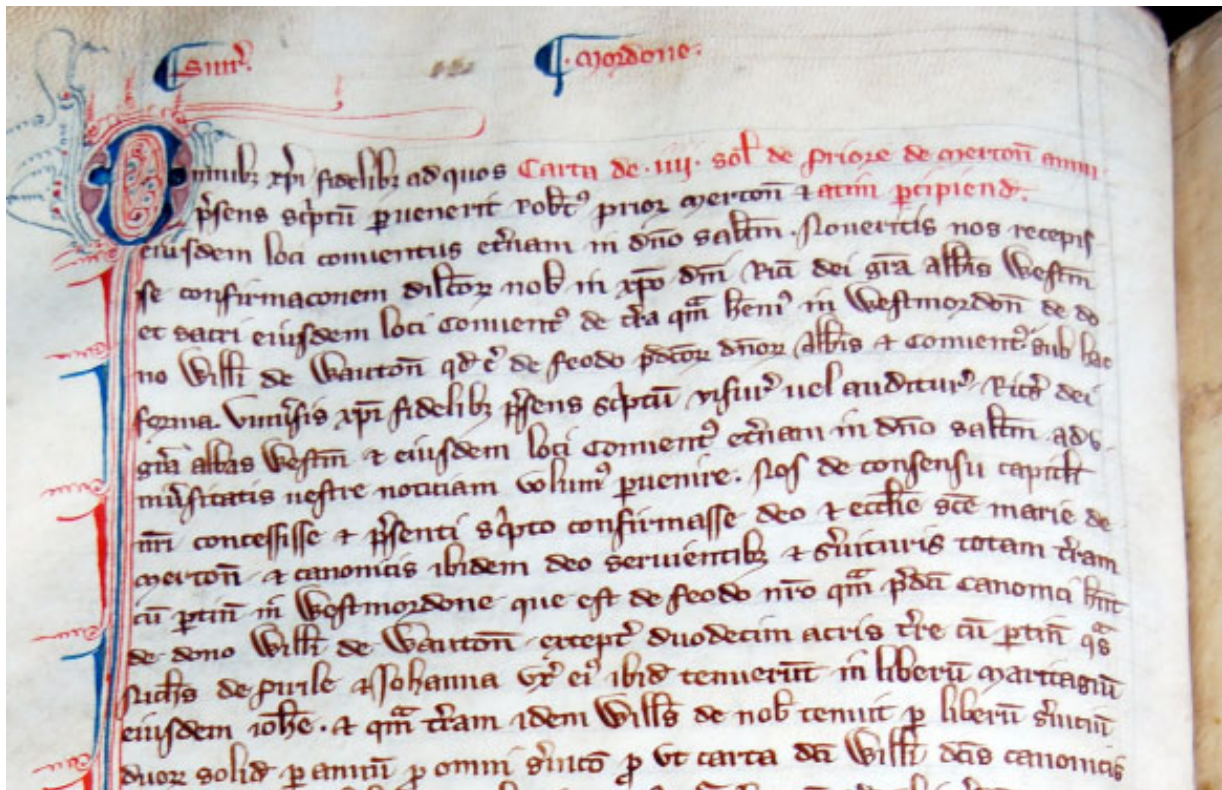
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Charter touching 4s. received yearly from the Prior of Merton

Notification from Robert, Prior, and the Convent of Merton, that they have received the confirmation of Richard, Abbot and the Convent of Westminster touching the land held by Merton Priory in Westmordone, from the grant of William de Wautone which is of the fee of the Abbey and Convent; couched under this form.

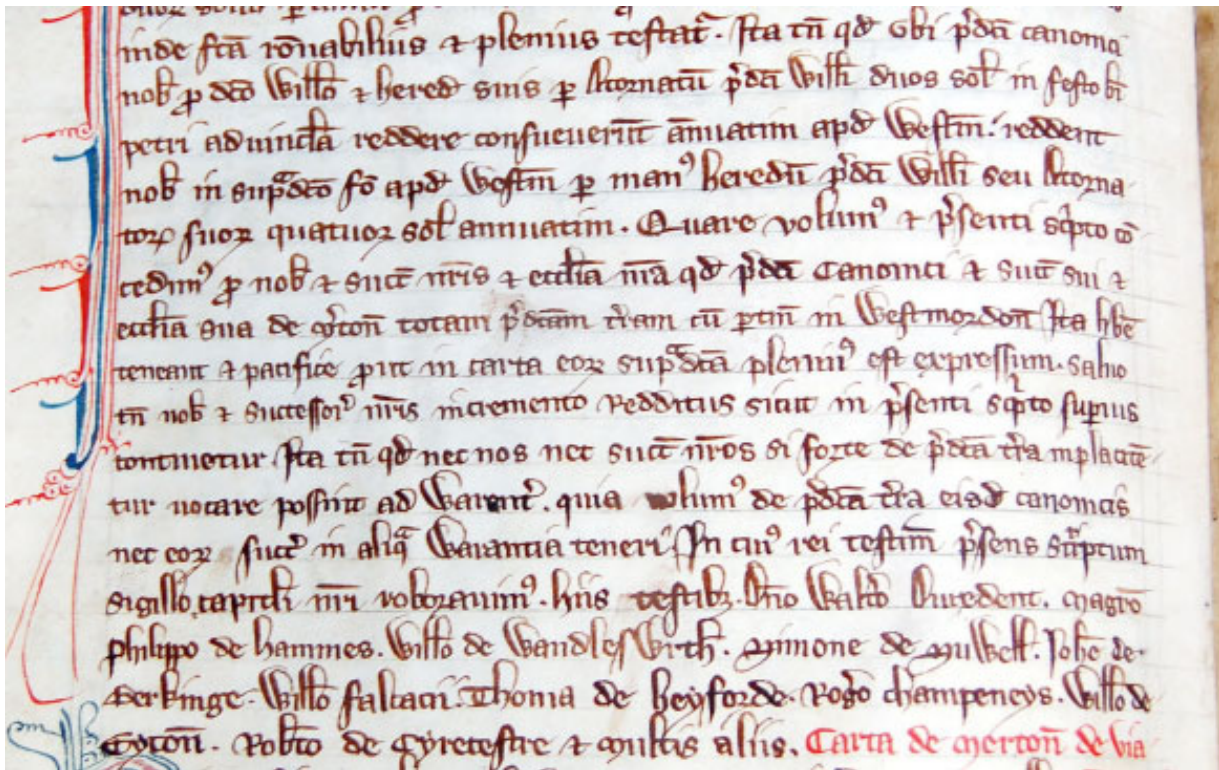
Confirmation from Richard, Abbot and the Convent of Westminster to St. Mary's Church at Merton and the Canons there of the whole land in Westmordone which is of the fee of the Abbey which the Canons have by grant from William de Wautone; Except 12 acres of land which Nicholas de Pirile and Joan his wife held there towards her free marriage; which land the said William held of the Abbey by the free service of 2s. a year. In such wise however that whereas the Canons used to pay the Abbey for William and his heirs through his attorney 2s. on the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula (1st August) yearly at Westminster, they shall pay 4s. at the same place and date.

Witnesses: Dom. Walter Duredent; Mag. Philip de Hammes; William de Wandleswrthe; Simon de Suwelle; John de Berkinge; William Falcacij; Thomas de Heyforde; Roger Champeneys; William de Eyton; Robert de Cyrecestre, and many others.



Charter concerning four shillings received annually from the Prior of Merton [c.1239x1246]

To all the faithful in Christ to whom this present writing shall have come, Robert prior of Merton and the convent of the same place, eternal greetings in the Lord. Know that we have received confirmation from our beloved in Christ, the lord Richard by grace of God, Abbot of Westminster and of the holy convent of the same place, concerning the land which we have in Westmorden by the gift of William of Wauton, which is of the fee of the aforesaid lords the Abbot and convent, under this form. To all the faithful in Christ, about to see or hear the present script, Richard by God's grace, Abbot of Westminster and the convent of the same place, eternal greetings in the Lord. We wish to bring to the notice of you all that we, by the consent of our chapter, have granted, and by this present writing, have confirmed to God and the holy church of St Mary of Merton and the canons serving God there, the service and the whole land with pertinences in Westmorden, which is of our fee, which the aforesaid canons have by gift of William de Wauton, except twelve acres of land with pertinences which Nicholas of Purley and Joan his wife held there towards the free marriage of the same Joan, and which land the same William held from us by the free service of two shillings a year for all service, just as by the charter of the said William to the said canons,



fair and full witness is made thereof. However, on condition that where the aforesaid canons were accustomed to render to us for the said William and his heirs through the attorney of the aforesaid William, two shillings on the feast of Blessed Peter ad Vincula, at Westminster, they shall render to us on the aforesaid feast {henceforth} * at Westminster by the hands of the heirs of the aforesaid William or their attorneys, four shillings annually. Whereby we wish and by {our} # present writing have granted for us and our successors and our church that the aforesaid canons and their successors and their church of Merton, shall hold all the aforesaid land with pertinences in Westmorden thus freely and peacefully, just as in the abovesaid charter is fully expressed, saving however to us and our successors the increase in rent just as in the present writing above is contained. However, on condition that neither we nor our successors, if by chance the aforesaid land is impleaded, shall be able to be called to warrant, because we do not wish about the aforesaid land that it should be held by either the same canons nor their successors in any warrant. In witness whereof we have confirmed the present writing, by our seal in chapter. These being witnesses, the lord Walter Duredent, Master Phillip de Hammes, William de Wandsworth, Simon de Suwelle, John de Berkinge, William Falcacii, Thomas de Heyforde, Roger Champeneys, William de Eyton, Robert de Cyrecestre and many others.

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