



Littera P Winton Episcopi testimonialis super Jure patronatus ecclesie de

Letter of attestation of P., bishop of Winchester, over the right of patronage of the church of
Mordon et de dimidie marcae annue pensionis.

Morden and concerning the annual pension of a half mark .

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit P dei gratia (1)/ Wintoniensis
To all sons of holy mother church, to whom this present writing shall have come, P., by grace of God humble
ecclesie minister humilis eternam in domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos ad presentationem
minister of the church of Winchester, greetings in the Lord eternal. Know all of you that we, at the presentation
(2)/ dilectorum filiorum Abbatis et conventus Westmonasterii Magistrum Thomam de Senesfeld clericum
of the beloved sons the abbot and convent of Westminster, have admitted Master Thomas de Senesfeld, clerk,
ad (3)/ ecclesiam sancti Laurentii de Mordon divine miserationis intuitu admisisse et ipsum in eadem
to the church of St Lawrence of Morden in consideration of divine mercy, and have canonically instituted the same
personam (4)/ canonice instituisse salua antiqua et debita pensione dimidie marce annuatim ecclesie
man as parson in the same [church], saving the ancient and due pension of a half mark annually to be paid to the
Westmonasterii persoluenda. (5)/ Saluo etiam nobis et successoribus nostris jure episcopali. Quod ut
church of Westminster. Saving also to us and our successors the episcopal right, which is to continue as fixed in
ratum perseveret in posterum. (6)/ Presentis scripti testimonio et sigilli nostri inpressione duximus
the future. By the testimony of the present writing and by the impression of our seal we have considered this to
roborandum. Hiis testibus Magistro (7)/ Humfrido de Miller, Magistro Nicholao de Fernham, Magistro
be validated. With these witnesses: Master Humphrey de Miller, Master Nicholas de Fernham, Master Nicholas
Nicholao de Humeto, Uliano Chesneduit, (9)/ Humfrido clerico et multis aliis.
of Humeto, Julian Chesneduit, Humphrey the clerk and many others.

Green seal - tiny fragment

NOTES:

Nicholas of Humeto and Julian Chesneduit were witnesses to a charter of Abbot William de Humez (1214-22) – WD fo. 629. ‘Hulian Cheendut, then seneschal of Westminster’ also witnessed a grant from Robert de Cleygate of land in Morden c. 1217-21 – WD fo. 170/170b (qv).

A Master Nicholas de Farnham was Bishop of Durham 1241-49. He had studied in Paris in 1229, and went on to Bologna to complete his studies in theology. Back in England he was appointed royal physician, and served Henry III in this and in other ways. He died in 1257. (E Robo *Medieval Farnham* (1935) pp62-3, quoting Matthew Paris)

This suggests that the appointment of Thomas de Senesfeld was in the latter part of Peter de Roches’ episcopacy at Winchester.