

## Westminster Abbey Muniments Book 11: 'The Westminster Domesday', fo. 170a

### Charter of Robert Morin concerning his land in the parish of Morden

[c. 1195-1215]

Know [all men] present and future that I, Robert Morin, have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to Robert of Cleygate, for his homage and service, one virgate of land with pertinences in Morden. Namely that virgate which Agmund held, which lies between the land of John son of Peter and the old croft, which land the aforesaid Robert and his heirs, or those to whom he wishes to assign, hold from me and my heirs fully and wholly, freely and quietly, peacefully and honourably with all its liberties and free customs and with all its pertinences in all things and in all places. Rendering thence per year to me and to my heirs four shillings at the four terms of the year, namely at Christmas, twelve pence, and at Easter twelve pence, and at the feast of Saint John the Baptist twelve pence and at Michaelmas twelve pence for all services and exactions and for demands of every kind to me or to my heirs pertaining. Moreover the aforesaid land with pertinences, I and my heirs will warrant to the aforesaid Robert and his heirs, or those to whom the aforesaid Robert wishes to assign, against all people. Truly this donation and grant and confirmation by the present charter, I make to the aforementioned Robert for the homage and service that he has made to me and for ten marks of silver which he gave to me in fine. These being witnesses, Robert Mauduit, Chamberlain of the lord King,\* Henry Foliot, John son of William, William Mauduit,\* John de Windlesomer, William de Walton, Peter de Berghes, Robert de Bekham, William Marescall, Graleng de la Wdecot, Baldric de la Wdecot, Ralph de Bokham and many others.

See also WD fo. 170a-170b: Cleygate to Westminster Abbey]

\* Robert II Mauduit was Chamberlain 1194-1222; his son William IV Mauduit followed him as chamberlain 1222-57— see Emma Mason 'The Mauduits and their Chamberlainship of the Exchequer' in *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* Vol. XLIX No. 119 (May 1976)

#### NOTES:

Many of these witnesses also witnessed a charter of Abbot William de Humez (1214-22) – WD fo. 629.

For Morin family and Henry de la Doune see Surrey Record Society XXXI (*Surrey Eyre 1235 - I - Biographia*)

For Mauduit family see SRS XXXII (*Surrey Eyre 1235 - II p. 481-2 note 188*).

**(See also WD fo. 170a-b: Robert of Claygate to Westminster Abbey)**

Merton Priory also had dealings with a member of the Morin family. On 2 February 1196, an agreement was made in the Curia Regis between the Prior of Merton plaintiff and Gilbert Morin defendant, concerning land between Morden and Carshalton (see TNA CP 25/1/225/1).