

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

Charter of Robert de Cleygate concerning one virgate of land in the parish of Morden [c.1217-21]

Know [all men] present and future that I Robert de Cleygate have given and granted, and by this my present charter have confirmed to God and the monks of Westminster all my land which I had in the vill of Mordon in the county of Surrey, namely one virgate of land with pertinences which I held from Robert Morin in the same vill namely the virgate which Aghemund held and which lies between the land of John son of Peter and the old croft. To have and to hold forever from me and my heirs, freely and quietly, by rendering each year from the aforesaid virgate of land, to me and to my heirs, fifty pence for all service and exaction, namely at Christmas twelve pence, at Easter twelve pence, at the feast of Saint John the Baptist twelve pence and at Michaelmas fourteen pence. Truly I, Robert de Claygate, and my heirs acquit the aforesaid virgate of land with pertinences against the chief lord. of the same fee, namely against Robert Morin and his heirs and against all men and women for the aforesaid, by rendering the service to the aforementioned Robert and his heirs of four shillings a year, at each appointed term of the year twelve pence, on condition that at Michaelmas, the two pence which remain, over and above the four shillings aforementioned, is rendered to me and to my heirs by the aforementioned monks forever. Truly if it should happen that I, Robert de Cleygate, or my heirs have not paid to the aforesaid Robert Morin or to his heirs of four shillings a year, just as the service is expressed, it is well permitted to the aforesaid monks, without contradiction from me or my heirs, to acquit the aforesaid virgate of land against the aforesaid Robert Morin and his heirs by rendering to them of the aforementioned four shillings a year and then they must render to me and to my heirs only two pence at Michaelmas for all things. Nor can we exact anything further from the aforesaid monks at any time for the aforementioned virgate of land. Also I, Robert de Cleygate and my heirs warrant to the monks of Westminster the aforementioned virgate of land with all its pertinences against all men and all women and for greater security I have returned to them the charter which the aforementioned Robert Morin made to me concerning the aforementioned virgate of land with pertinences. Indeed for this donation and grant and confirmation by my charter together with warrantisation, there are given to me by the aforementioned monks of Westminster eight marks and a half sterling in fine. So that by this my donation and grant is firm and secure, to the present writing I have affixed my seal. These being witnesses, Eustace de Faukenberge, then Treasurer of the King, Thomas de Chimel, William de Castell, Alexander, clerk, Hulian Cheendut, then seneshal of Westminster, Odo Aurifabio, Richard fitz Eymund, Stephan de Berkinge, Robert de Crokesle, Alan de Eye, Thomas fitz Reginald, William del Ewe, Henry de la Doune, Walter de Wandlesworth, Ranulf de Eya, Walter Marescallo and many others.

Marginal note: formerly Aghemnd

(See also WD fo. 170a: Robert Morin to Robert of Claygate)