

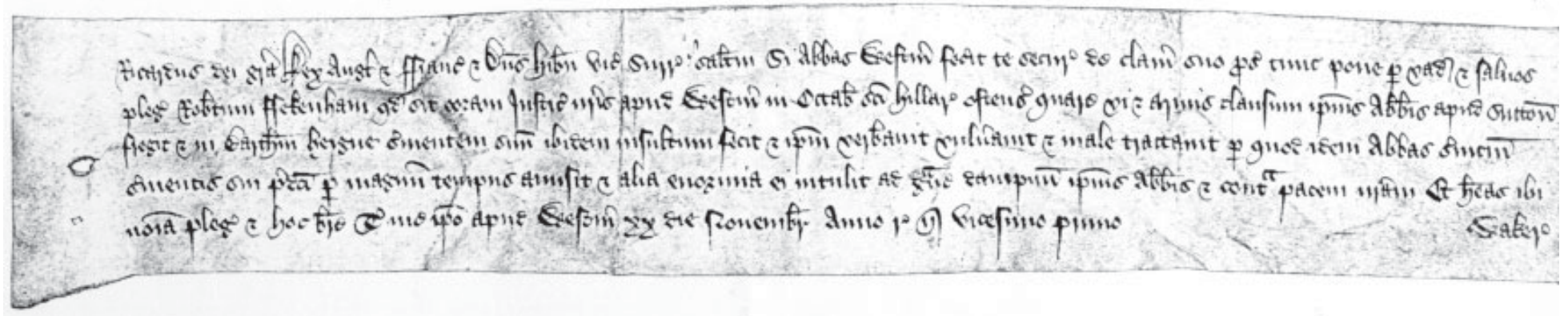
Westminster Abbey Muniments 1881:

Description

Royal writ to (John Salerne) Sheriff of Surrey to call on Robert Fekenham to appear before the Justices at Westminster on the octave of St Hilary to show why he broke into the close of the Abbat of Westminster (William of Colchester) at Sutton (Co. Surrey) and maltreated Bartholomew Heigne, the Abbat's servant.

Dat. at Westminster 20 November 21 Richard II (AD 1397)

No seal



Ricardus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie vicecomiti Surrey salutem. Si Abbas Westminster fecerit te securum de clamore suo prosequendo tunc pone per vadum et salvos
Richard, by grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to the sheriff of Surrey, greetings. If the Abbot of Westminster shall have given you security for prosecuting his claim, then charge by bail and safe

plegios Robertum Fekenham quod sit coram justiciariis nostris apud Westminster in Octavus sancte Hillary ostendendum quare vi et armis clausum ipsius Abbatis apud Sutton
pledge Robert Fekenham that he be before our justices at Westminster on the octave of Saint Hilary to show why, with force and arms, he broke the close of the Abbot himself at Sutton

fregit et in Bartholomew Heigne servientum suum ibidem insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit per quod idem Abbas servitium
and assaulted Bartholomew Heigne his servant at the same place, and beat, wounded and evilly handled the same, such that the same Abbot lost the services

servientis suis predicti per magnum tempus amisit et alia enormia ei intulit ad grave dampnum ipsius Abbatis et contra pacem nostram et habeas ibi
of his aforesaid servant for a long time, and inflicted other enormities upon him to the grave injury of the Abbot himself, and against our peace. And have there

nomina plegium et hoc breve Teste me ipso apud Westminster xx die November anno Regni Nostri vicesimo primo.
the named pledges and this writ. I myself being witness at Westminster, 20 November, in the twenty-first year of our reign.