

Westminster Abbey Muniments 1840

Letters of procuration from Nycolaus Lupicij Canon of St Peter's Rome to Jacobus Bonoincontro and Americose, Citizens and Merchants of Florence, to receive for this year only 20 marks from (Richard de Berkynor) Abbat and the Convent of Westminster due to the said Nycolaus for the farm of his church at Morton (Mordon) for the present year. 1246.

Be it known by all who will inspect the present letters that I, Nicolaus Lupicii, canon of the chief of apostles, have appointed and ordained Jacob Bonoincontro and Amiericose, citizens and merchants of Florence, for this year only, my proctors, to request and receive 20 marks of good and legal sterling from the venerable abbot and the convent of Westminster, which they owe to me for the farm for the present year of my church of Morton. I wish also that, if these two together do not request the aforesaid sum of money, but only one of them does so, the aforesaid sum of money should be paid in full securely on my behalf to them or to him. For I promise that I will approve and hold firm whatsoever bond and security the aforesaid [men], or one of them only, on account of this causes to be made. In testimony of which matter I have made the present letters and strengthened them by my seal, and so that no one may doubt their fidelity to some degree, I have asked the seal of the venerable father and lord in Christ, Stephen, by title of St Mary Transtiberim, cardinal priest, to be affixed.* Acted at Rome in the church of the chief of apostles on the tenth day of the month of January AD 1246, in the third year of the pontificate of the lord Pope Innocent IV before Sir Jordan, nephew of the lord Cardinal Stephen, and Sir John Stephen and Sir Gottifred, my fellow canons.

Two seals in white wax:-

- *of Dom. Stephen, Cardinal Priest of St Mary Trans Tiberim: Oval BVM & Child above under canopy, and St Peter etc. below (rubbed)*
- *of Nycolaus Lupicij: Oval BVM & Child and St Peter above, an animal below - s 'NICOLAI LUP...?*

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Acquittance from Jacobus Bonincontri, Citizen and Merchant of Florence, as Procurator of Nicholas Lupicij, Canon of St Peter's at Rome, Rector of Mordon, to (Richard de Berkynge) Abbat the Prior and Convent of Westminster at Westminster for the farm of the said church of Mordon in the name of the above Nicholas in the Term of St John Baptist (June) AD 1246 for 6 marks 13s, each mark being reckoned at 13s 4d.

To all who will inspect the present letter, Jacob Bonincontri, citizen and merchant of Florence, proctor of Nicholas Lupicii, canon of the chief of apostles, rector of the church of Morden, greetings in the Lord. Be it known to all of you that I have received at Westminster from the abbot and prior and convent of the same place for the farm of the said church of Morden, in the name of the said Nicholas for the term of St John the Baptist AD 1246 sixteen marks and thirteen shillings of good, new and legal sterling, namely calculated at 13 shillings and four pence sterling for each mark. Of which money I, the said Jacob, in the name of the said Nicholas Lupicii, quitclaim myself and declare myself entirely quit, except for completely renouncing the money in the case of it being not counted, not paid and not handed over to me. In testimony of which matter to the present letter I have affixed my seal.

White seal, triangular shaped, chipped: heraldic 3 charges unidentified on shield - chess-rooks?

legend: IACO... ONINCONTRI

* All cardinals are appointed to a titular church within the city of Rome. This practice goes back to the days when the pope's advisers came from the local clergy, serving as pastors of churches near the Vatican.