

**Westminster Abbey Muniments 1846**

**Westminster Abbey Muniments Book 11: 'The Westminster Domesday', fo. 336a**

**Letter of attestation of P., bishop of Winchester, over the right of patronage of the church of Morden and concerning the annual pension of a half mark.**

To all sons of holy mother church, to whom this present writing shall have come, P., by grace of God humble minister of the church of Winchester, greetings in the Lord eternal. Know all of you that we, at the presentation of the beloved sons the abbot and convent of Westminster, have admitted Master Thomas de Senesfeld, clerk, to the church of St Lawrence of Morden in consideration of divine mercy, and have canonically instituted the same man as parson in the same [church], saving the ancient and due pension of a half mark annually to be paid to the church of Westminster. Saving also to us and our successors the episcopal right, which is to continue as fixed in the future. By the testimony of the present writing and by the impression of our seal we have considered this to be validated. With these witnesses: Master Humphrey de Miller, Master Nicholas de Fernham, Master Nicholas 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. 'Julian Chesneduit, 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.