

Westminster Abbey Muniments 1850

Composition between William (Warham) Archbishop of Canterbury as lord of the Manor and Township of West Chayham, Co. Surrey, and John (Islip) Abbat and the Convent of Westminster as lord and owner of the lordship of Mordon, Co. Surrey, concerning the communing pasturing, grazing and feeding of the "Rother" beasts of the tenants of the lordship of Mordon, and for felling the furze and bushes for firewood and bushes for hedging on Sparfeld Common 1.12.1530

Thys indenture of composition made the fyrste day of december the xxiith yere of the reign of our sovereign lord kynge Henry the VIIIth betwene the most reverend father in God, Wyllyam lorde Archebysshoppe of Canterbury and primate of all England, lorde of the manor and townshipp of West Chayh^am in the countie of Surrey on that oon' p_{ar}tie and John by the grace and sufferance of God, abbot of the monastery Seynt Peter of West[minster] in the countie of Midd and the convent of the same monastery, lordes and awners of the lordshipp of Mordon in the countie of Surrey on that other p_{ar}tie, Witnessith that where as certeyn varyaunces, stryves, dyscordes and debates have lately byn moved and styred betwene the ten^antes of the said lordeshippe lorde Archebysshoppe of hys said lordshipp and townshipp of Westchayh^am and the ten^antes of the said Abbot and convent of their saide lordshipp of Morden of, for and conc^{er}nyng the communynge, pasturyng, grasing, and fedynge of the Rother Bestis called catell of the said ten^antes of the said lordshyppe of Morden and for the fellynge of furcys and bussches for fyrewood and bussches for their heggeyng and other necessaryes in uppon the comen of Sparfeld conteynyng by Estimacyon CCvi^{xx} acres of lond abutting upon the p_{ar}yssh of Mordon on the Est p_{ar}te and agenst the londs of the pⁱor of Marton called Ewell, on the northe p_{ar}te and upon Westcheyham on the southe p^{ar}te and upon the Estcheyh^am belongynge to the prior of Chryste Church of the west part in the p_{ar}ysshes of Cheyh^am and Morden in the said county of Surrey for thappesyng and quyetnes of the saide ten^antes of bothe the saide lordshippes and in avoydyng manslauer & further troble in the lawe and other dyv^{er}s inconveniencis lykely to falle it ys nowe coven^antyd accordyd concludyd condiscendyd and fully agreyd bitwene the saide lord Archebysshoppe and the saide Abbott and covent and their successours by thys indenture of composition in maner and fo^rme followynge that is to wete the saide lorde Archebysshoppe for hym hys successo^rs and ten^antes of hys sayde lordeshippe or townshipp of West Chayh^am coven^antyth and grauntyth to and wyth the sayde Abbott and covent and their successo^rs, by theis presentes that it shalbe lefull and lawfull to the said Abbott and covent and their successo^rs ther ten^antes and fermours of their said lorshipp of Mordon for the tyme beyng at their liberties and pleasures at all times from hensforward for ev^{er} as ther righte and accustome to put into the saide comen of Sparefeld lx Rother Beastes, ten horses, mares or coultes, a hundreth shepe and xxxⁱⁱ hogges or pygges there to go abyde pasture foode grace and contynewe uppon the same comen withoute any lett gaynesayinge or interupcion of the said lord Archebysshoppe or hys successo^rs or of any of them or of their ten^antes of the lordshipp or townshipp of West Cheyh^am or of any of them of any other p_{er}son or p_{er}sons by or for them or any of theym in any maner of wyse And also the said Abbott and covent for them and theyr successo^rs and tenant^s of the saide lordeshippe of Mordon coven^antyth and grauntyth to and w^h the saide lorde Archebysshoppe and hys successo^rs by thes p^{re}sentes that yf the said Abbott and covent and ther successo^rs and ten^antes of the said lordeshippe of Mordon or any of theym do put or cause to be putt upon the said comen of Sparfeld or any Rother Beastes there to fede pasture grace and contynewe then ys conteyned in thys agrement That then it shalbe lefull and lawfull to the said bayly and ten^antes of the saide lorde Archebysshoppe of hys lordeshippe of Cheyh^am or any of them to take and dryve away all suche Rother Beastes horsses mares coltes shepe or hogges or any of theym as shalbe found grasyng or pasturyng upon the said comen of Sparfeld over and above the nombre afore reheryd to the pound of the saide lordeshippe of Cheyh^am or Croydon and ther to remayne tyll the said ten^antes of Mordon or any of them so puttyng in to the said comen more catell in nombre or eny other catell otherwyse then ys before expressyd and agreyd there shalbe allowed to hym or theym by the steward of the said lordeshippe of Mordon shall pay to the said lorde Archebysshoppe and hys successo^rs after the rate of ev^{er}y beste i^d for ev^{er}y horsse, mare or colt i^d for every xii shepe i^d and for every iiij hogges i^d for every tyme so off[en]d[ed] at the pleasure of the saide lorde or hys offy^{er}s accordyng to the hurttes and trespass thereof. In Wytnesse &c.

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