

Westminster Abbey Muniments 1916*

Westminster Abbey Muniments Book 11: 'The Westminster Domesday', fo. 173a

Royal pardon on payment of a fine of £40 to (William de Curtlyngton) Abbat and the Convent of Westminster for the trespass done by Walter (Wenlok) formerly Abbat and the Convent of Westminster in appropriating for themselves and their successors the Church of Mordone near Mertone (Co. Surrey) in the diocese of Wintone (Winchester) being of their own advowson, without obtaining the licence of the King's father or of the King 1319

Edward, by grace of God king of England and lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitaine, to all to whom these present letters shall have come, greetings. Know you that, whereas Walter, formerly abbot of Westminster, and the convent of the same place lately appropriated to themselves and their successors the church of Morden near Merton, Winchester diocese, being of their own advowson, and the abbot and convent of the aforesaid place now hold their church to their own use, without having obtained the licence of lord E[dward], formerly king of England, our father, or the licence of ourself concerning this, as it is said, we by the fine, which the aforesaid abbot made to us, have pardoned the same abbot and convent over the transgression that was done in this matter, and we have granted for us and our heirs, as much as is in our power, to the same abbot and convent that they, themselves, may have and hold that church to them and their successors to their own use forever without the occasion or impediment of us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or ministers whatsoever, the statute issued concerning not placing lands and tenements at mortmain notwithstanding. In testimony of which matter we have caused these our letters patent to be made.

Witnessed by me, myself, at York on the first day of June in the twelfth year of our reign.

By fine of forty pounds.

J. Harlaston

(WAM 1916: A large stain makes most of the right hand third of the document illegible)
Great seal, green, chipped.*

WD marginal note: *Pro Ecclesia de Mordone*
"Church of Morden. First chest as above"

WAM 1916* has *illam* (that) instead of *suam* (their).