

Public instrument of resignation of the church of Morden

[22/10/1301]

In the name of the Lord, amen, in the year of his incarnation 1301, in the fifteenth indiction, on Sunday, namely the 11th kalend of November, there appeared personally in the presence of me, the notary public, under-written, and in that of the witnesses, under-written, who have been specially called and requested, Sir Gerard de Staunton, rector of the church of Morden of the diocese of Winchester, by his own good will and without coercion, and he resigned his aforesaid church with all its rights and pertinences into the sacred hands of the venerable father the lord J., by grace of God bishop of Winchester, purely, voluntarily and absolutely, in writing under the tenor which follows. To the venerable father in Christ, lord J., by grace of God bishop of Winchester, his humble and devoted clerk Gerard de Staunton, rector of the church of Morden of your diocese, greetings with all reverence and honour. Desiring to be discharged from the pastoral care, I resign my church, aforesaid, with all its rights and appurtenances into your holy hands purely, voluntarily and absolutely and with long diligence, and by these presents I totally give up my right to someone who is suitable or who will be suitable for the church, without retaining for myself any right from henceforth in the same or to the same.

And I specially signify this to that your most holy fatherhood. These matters were acted at Westminster about the first hour, in the year, indiction and the day, aforesaid. With these people being present: Master John de Deneby, Sir Richard de Winchester, priest, Henry de Colcestria and John de Hontingdon, clerks, who were specially asked and requested as witnesses to this, and others.

And I, William de Maldon of the diocese of London,
public notary by apostolic authority and by the imperial authority of the bountiful city
of the rank of prefect, was present at the aforesaid matters,
which I have written, and converted them into public form at
the instance of the said Sir Gerard, and having been requested,
I signed them with my mark and name.

endorsed: p^u cista titulo ecclesiarum Batricheseye Wandelesworthe et Morden

"First chest under the title of the churches of Battersea, Wandsworth & Morden."

marginal note:"Infirmary."