

Westminster Abbey Muniments 1831: (cf WAM 1832, 1837)

Description

Royal writ to (John Salerne) Sheriff of Surrey to arrest John Heruy, Richard Waterseruant, potter, and Nicholas Waterseruant, potter, of Cheyham, and bring them before the Justices at Westminster in Trinity Term to answer (William of Colchester) Abbat of Westminster on the plea of assaulting (together with John Prat, John Gerard sen., John Gerard jun., Walter Potter and Henry Hegger) John Gyldene, the Abbat's servant at Mordon Co. Surrey.

Witn. W(illiam) Thirnyng (Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.)

Dat. at Westminster 16 May 20 Richard II (AD 1397)

Richard, by grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to the sheriff of Surrey, greetings. We direct you just as we usually direct you, that you arrest John Hervy, Richard Waterservant, potter, and Nicholas Waterservant, potter, of Cheam, if they can be found in your bailiwick and guard them safely so that you have their persons brought before our justices at Westminster on the octave of the Holy Trinity to answer the Abbot of Westminster on the charge whereby they all, with John Prat, John Gerard, senior, John Gerard, junior, Walter, potter, and Henry Hegger, with force and arms, assaulted John Gyldene servant of the Abbot himself at Morden, and beat, wounded and evilly handled the same, such that the same Abbot lost the services of his aforesaid servant for a long time, and inflicted other enormities upon him to the injury of ten marks to the Abbot himself, and against our peace. And have there this writ. Witness W. Thirnyng at Westminster, 16 May, in the twentieth year of our reign.

NOTES:

In the Extent of the Manor of Morden, taken in 1312, a Henry Guldene had held a moiety of a freehold tenement in Morden at a quit-rent of 2 shillings a year plus some customary services, and also rented a curtilage in Morden at 1 penny a year. According to the marginal notes to the Extent, John Gulden then held the curtilage.