

Westminster Abbey Muniments 1835:

Description

Royal writ to (John Wodecok) Sheriff of Middlesex to bind over Baldwin Popsent, William Priour, Aland Berengar, William Mulseye, Henry Milleward and William Pynnore of Morden, to answer to (William de Colchester) Abbat of Westminster for not paying him £22 which they owe him and unjustly detain.

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

Dat. at Westminster 30 November 21 Richard II (AD 1397)

No seal

Richard, by grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to the sheriff of Middlesex, greetings. Charge through bail and safe pledge, Baldwin Popsent, William Prior, Alan Berenger, William Mulseye, Henry Milleward and William Pynnore of Morden that they be before our justices at Westminster on the octave of Saint Hilary to answer the Abbot of Westminster on the charge whereby they should render to him twenty two pounds, that they owe to him and unjustly withhold, as is said, and to show why they were not before our justices at Westminster within sixteen days after the day of Saint Martin, just as they were summoned. And have there the names of the pledges and this writ. Witness W. Thirnyng at Westminster, 30 November, in the twenty-first year of our reign.

NOTES:

An Alan Berengar served as Westminster Abbey's bedel and rent-collector for the manor of Morden in 1408-9. (WAM 27367)

A William Mulseye was farmer of the rectory and the demesnes of Morden and served as the Abbey's rent-collector from 1409-12. (WAM 27370)

A John Pynnor is noted in the court rolls of Merton for 1487 and 1488 as having been a former owner of a copyhold property in Merton.

St Martin's day is 11th November.