

Westminster Abbey Muniments 1839: (cf WAM 1838)

Description

Royal writ to (John Salerne) Sheriff of Surrey to summon another jury of the view of Morden to try the same case as in 1833.
Witn. W(illiam) Thinyng, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

Dat. at Westminster 24 October 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 Surrey, greetings. We direct you just as we usually direct you, that you will cause to come before our justices at Westminster on the octave of St Hilary, twelve, both knights and other free and lawful men from the neighbourhood of Morden of whom each has 100 shillings of land, tenements or annual rent, at least, by whom the truth of the matter may the better be known, and who neither the Abbot of Westminster, nor John Prat, John Gerard senior, John Gerard junior, Walter Potter and Henry Hegger, touch by any affinity, to examine upon their oaths, whether they all, with the aforesaid John Hervy, Richard Waterservant, potter, and Nicholas Waterservant, potter of East Cheam, on Tuesday in Whit week in the 16th year of our reign, with force and arms, that is with swords and bows and arrows, assaulted John Gyldene, the servant of the Abbot himself at Morden, and beat and wounded and evilly handled the same, such that the same Abbot lost the service of his aforesaid servant for a great time, that is for six weeks following thereafter, against our peace, just as the same Abbot says, or if not, just as the aforesaid John Prat, John Gerard senior, John Gerard junior, Walter and Henry say, because both the aforesaid John Prat, John Gerard senior, John Gerard junior, Walter and Henry, and the aforesaid Abbot, between whom whereof there is dispute, submit themselves to that jury. And have there the named jurors and this writ. Witness W. Thirnyng at Westminster, 24 October, in the twenty-first year of our reign.