

## Westminster Abbey Muniments 1881:

### Description

Royal writ to (John Salerne) Sheriff of Surrey to call on Robert Fekenham to appear before the Justices at Westminster on the octave of St Hilary to show why he broke into the close of the Abbat of Westminster (William of Colchester) at Sutton (Co. Surrey) and maltreated Bartholomew Heigne, the Abbat's servant.

Dat. at Westminster 20 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 Surrey, greetings. If the Abbot of Westminster shall have given you security for prosecuting his claim, then charge by bail and safe pledge Robert Fekenham that he be before our justices at Westminster on the octave of Saint Hilary to show why, with force and arms, he broke the close of the Abbot himself at Sutton and assaulted Bartholomew Heigne his servant at the same place, 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 grave injury of the Abbot himself, and against our peace. And have there the named pledges and this writ. I myself being witness at Westminster, 20 November, in the twenty-first year of our reign.