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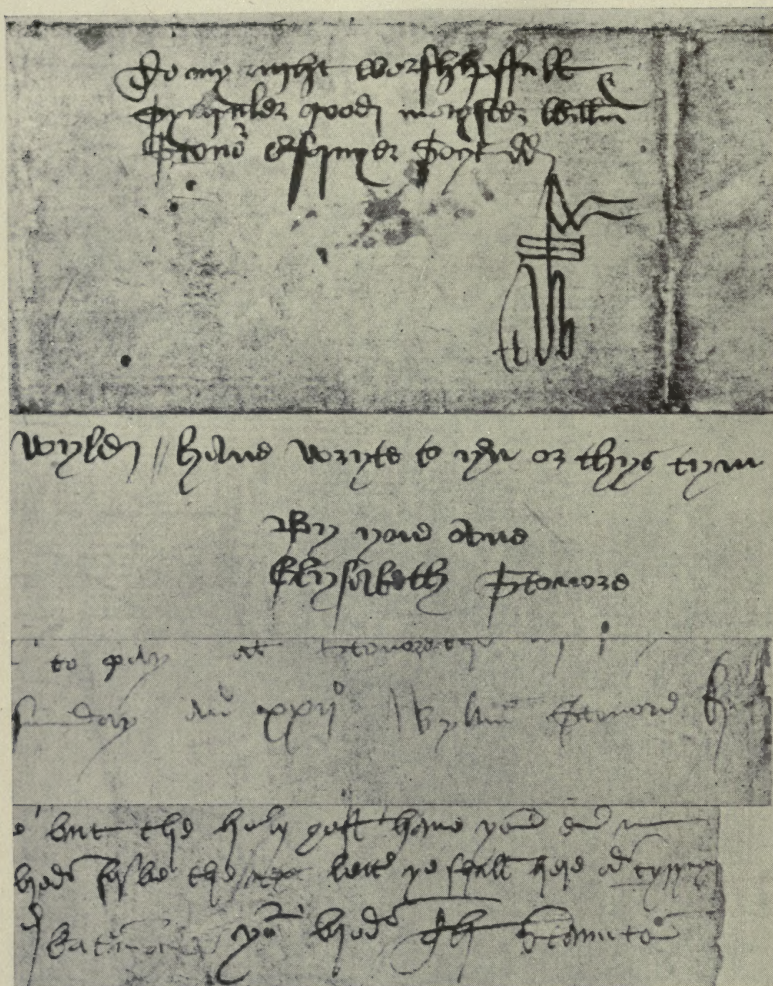




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24 JAN., 1475-76

This document is of interest for the illustration of the wool-trade (see No. 223). It may have come into the Stonor Papers through the administration of Warner's affairs by Sir William Stonor (see No. 295). From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, ix. 23.

Md. that we Ric. Gardener, mercer and Alderman of London, and John Elys, cytizen and mercer of the same Cyttye, have R. xxiiij day of Janyver anno dni. xiiij^e lxxv of Robert Warner of Watlyngton ix sarplers of good woll and ij sarplers of mydell woll at ix markes the Sak. Item ij. sarplers of mydell woll at vj markes the Sak: and thes bene the number of them, lxxxvj, lxxxvij, lxxxviii, lxxxix, lxxxx, lxxxxj, lxxxxiij, lxxxxiij, lxxxxiij, lxxxv, lxxxvj, lxxxvij, Ciiij^o.

160. BONDS FOR WILL OF THOMAS STONOR

10 APRIL, 1476

ABSTRACTS.—(1) Bond of Thomas Ramsey of Hucham, esquire, to William Stonore, esquire, for the assignment to William of all debts due to his father Thomas Stonore, whose executor Thomas Ramsey is.

(2) Bond of William Stonore of Stonore, esquire, and Thomas Stonore of Rotherfeld Pippard, gentleman, to Thomas Ramsey, in 300*l.*, in security for the discharge by William Stonore of all debts of Thomas Stonore the elder, his father, and of all gifts and legacies under his testament and will. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv. 22, 23.

161. THOMAS BETSON TO WILLIAM STONOR

12 APRIL, 1476

The first of the letters from Stonor's partner in the wool-trade, Thomas Betson, who subsequently married Stonor's step-daughter, Katherine Ryche. From *A.C.*, xlvī, 89.

Jhesu An^o xvj^o.

Right worshipfful Syr I recom[aund] me unto your good maystershipe, and to my right worshypffulle maystresse your wiffe, and, yf it plesse your maystershipe, to my maystresse Kateryn. And syr, þankyð be the good lord, I understond ffor certeyn þat oure wolle shipped be comen in [. . .] beste to Cales. I wold have kept the tydynges till I had comen my self, because it is good: but I durst not be so bold, ffor your maystershipe now ayenst this good tyme may be glade and joyffull off this tydynges, ffor in trouth I am glad and hartely þannke God off it. And syr, whene I come I shall tell your maystershipe many þinges moo by þe mercy off our Lord, who preserve your maystershipe ever. At London le xij jour de Aprill. Your servaunt to my power

Thomas Betson.

To my right worshipfull and synguler good mayster Willm̄. Stonor, Esquyer, soyt d.d.

162. THOMAS BETSON TO WILLIAM STONOR

22 APRIL, 1476

The next letter shows that Betson reached Calais on 30th April. Under the endorsement is the merchant's mark, which was used by Stonor's commercial associates; the design seems to be a sort of monogram for "W. Stonor". From *A.C.*, xlvī, 90.

Jhesu M'iiijc' lxxvj.

Right worshipfull and my right Synguler good mayster I recommaund me to unto youre good maystershipe. And syr, ples it you to wete, this same day I depart to Cales wardes throw the myght off oure

Lord, Jhesu be my good spede. And syr with all my hart I pannke your maystershipe ever off your gentyll chere and ffeizthfull loffe, the whych allway ye bere and owe unto me, and off my behalff nopinge deservid: how be it God knowing my good hart and will, and my prayer shall ever be redy for your maystershipe and all your howsold. And syr, ffor a remembraunce I send yow be þe brynger heroff ffor deynte ij powdyrd lampres, to ete hem whan it ples yow, I wold þei wer better. Also syr, ye shall R[esseyve], by the grace off God in John Somers barge now comynge to Henley a pype rede wyne ffrom my broder: I trust it shall ples your maystershipe well, ffor so my broder tellith me. And Syr, as touchynge the ffelles of Robert Turbotes of Lamberton, it makez no matter as yit thowe no man see hem till I send you oþer word ffrom Cales: ffor I shall send you more clerer writinge ffrom Cales by the mercy off Jhesu, whom I besech ever to preserve your maystershipe in helth and vertu. At London the xxij day off Aprill. Be your

Servant T. Betson.

Syr, I besech your maystershipe þat this powre writynge may have me lowly recomended to my right worshipfull maystresse your wyffe, and in lyke wyse to my gentyll Cossen and kynde maystresse Kateryn Rich, to whom I besech your maystershipe ever to be ffavourable and loffynge. Syr, I send you a scantlyn off your wyne herin closed.

To my right worshipfull and Synguler good mayster Willm. Stonor Esquier Soyt d.d.

163. THOMAS HENHAM TO WILLIAM STONOR

I MAY, 1476

There is a merchant's mark similar to that on the last letter. The wool was housed by Easter Eve (13th April) Henham having reached Calais on "Sher Thursday" or Shrove Thursday, the same day that he left Sandwich. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 100.

Jhesu. M. iiij^e lxxvj.

Ryght worchipfull my Ryght Syngguler good mayster, I recommaund me unto your good maysterschipe ever more dessyryng to here

of your wellfare, the wyche I beseche Jhesu mayntene and contenew to his plesur &c. Letyng your maysterschipe to wyt that I departyd ffrome Sandewych the xj day off Aprell, and so cam unto Calys apone sher thursday laste was with the wolle schipys; and so, blesside be Jhesu, I have resayvid your wollys in ssaftē. Fordermore, Syr, yeff yt plesse your maysterschipe for to understonde þis, I have ressayvid your wollys as ffayer and as hole as any mannys in the fflete. More hover, Syr, yeff yt plesse your maysterschipe ffor to understonde howne your wolle was howsid ever dele by Ester even. Fordermore, Syr, yeff yt plesse your maysterschipe ffor to understonde that the schepmen be content and payde off thayer ffraythe. Fordermore, Syr, yeff hyt plesse your maysterschipe ffor to understonde off your wollys howne maney I have resayvid: Summa xxx sarplers ffyne Cottēs wolles, and of M.¹ Cottēs x sarplers and off ffyne yonge Cottēs wolles vij sarplers and of M.¹ yonge Cottēs iij sarplers and a sarpler of Refuse, Summa lj sarplers. All so, Syr, yeff yt plesse your maysterschipe ffor to understonde that I have ressayvid a barell with harnes of peny, the wyche your maysterschipe sapke [*spake*] unto me of at my departyng frome yow, and a nother barell with harnes of bylys, the wych I have schipped hem unto London in one of the wolle schipys, the wyche ij barelys schulde be kep unto the tyme that I com unto London my selffe. Fordermore, syr, yeff yt plesse your maysterschipe ffor to understonde that Thomas Betson cam unto Calys the laste day of Aprill: and so he departyd in good helthe unto Brugys mart the fyrst day of May. No more unto your maister at thys tyme: but allmythi Jhesu have you in hys kepyng. Wretyn at Calys the first day of May.

By your prentes Thomas Henham.

Unto my worschippfull and myne synguler master Willm. Stonor, Squyer, of Oxford schyre, thys letter be delyvered in haste. dd.

164. GODDARD OXBRYGE TO WILLIAM STONOR

9 MAY, 1476

Since 9th May was Thursday, the barge took four or five days to Henley. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 107.

¹ Probably for "medell"; cf. "medell woll cottys wolde," ap. *Cely Papers*, p. 31.

Jhesus. M. iiij C. lxxvj.

Right worshipfull and Reverent Sir, plesith hit you to understonde þat as these daye I have Res[seyved] fro Thomas Betson and fro Thomas Henham iij letterys, that is to saye ij to you and j to Thomas Howlake. And Sir, Thomas did write to me that I shuld shippe þe sarpler, the pooke, and the ij pokets woll, beyng at the Wollkey, now at this shippyng: And whan I have weyyde heme to reconne with þe costumerys clarkys and pay þem for you and for heme ij. s. iiij. d., and to the weyor ffor every sake j. d., and to þe chalker j. d., and to þe porors viij. d.: thys is Thomas Betson is wrytyng to me. And Sir, I have delivered to William Somer, bargemane, to care to Henly: ffirst vj burdenys of rusys: Item xij saltffish, of þe whiche saltffish iiij be lengys: and a fardell aynte (?) in canvase, in þe wheche fardell is a bage with spysys, and ij brassys, a payer of pauenys for my maistres, a gowne of annyse de Padawis, and a mustard querne: and as these day at none þe barge departyd fro London; and he saythe he will be at Henli a Mondaye, or a Tuysdaye at þe fardyst, with the grase of God, wo have you in hese kepyng. At London, the ix daye of Maye,

By your prentyse Goddard Oxbryge.

[To my] good maister, Willm. Stonor, esquier, at Stonor.

165. GODDARD OXBRYGE TO WILLIAM STONOR

12 MAY, 1476

The merchant's mark appears as in Nos. 162 and 163. Master Wrohton is probably John Wroughton, an Oxfordshire squire, and cousin of William Stonor (see vol. i, p. xix). From *A.C.*, xlvj, 108.

Jhesu. A°. M. iiij^c lxxvj.

Right worschipffull Syr, please it you to wete that I send you wrytinge bi Howlake þat Edmond Jod your tenante will departe owte of your howse I cannat tell wo sone, but I had no aunswer fro you agene for kowenat what comnante is betwyne you and heme, and therfor I beseche your maisterchip to let me have kowelige what comnante ys betwne you and heme, for I can nothenge say to heme till I have an aunswer fro you or fro my mastres. And sir, I have

R[eceived] fro Calise ij letters to you, and I wulld a sent theme to you before thise time, but I coud no none body to convey theme savyng I had delyverde theme to a woman of Henly, and assone as sche was on horsebake in the strete sche wase arestid, and that is þe cause that you had theme nat before these tyme. And sir, I ame callyd apon for þe¹ monys, the wheche Davyd owyt, and in spesyall of the good man of þe marmayd, and of the polt'. And sir, I have inquiryd of maister Wiohntn is comemyng to London, and as yet he is nat come, but as sone as he ys come you schalle have understandyng with þe grase of God, who have your Right worschipfull and Reverent maister in his blessyd kepyng ever. At London the xij daye of Maye.

By your prentyse Goddard Oxbyrge.

To my Right worshipfull and Reverent maister Willm. Stonore, squyer, be delivered.

166. THOMAS BETSON TO KATHERINE RYCHE

1 JUNE, 1476

Katherine Ryche, whom Betson married in 1478, was clearly at the time of this letter little more than a child. Katherine was the eldest daughter of Elizabeth Stonor by her first husband, Thomas Ryche or Riche. She was god-daughter of her mother's grandfather, William Gregory, who left her 20s. in his will dated 6 November, 1465 (*Collections of a London Citizen*, p. xlvj); Gregory does not mention any other of his great-grand-children; it may be conjectured that Katherine was born in 1463 or 1462. "Holake, your gentyll squyer," is probably Thomas Howlake (see Nos. 164 and 223). From *A.C.*, xlvj, 255.

Jhesus. Anº. xvjº.

My nowne hartely belovoid Cossen Kateryn, I recomande me unto yow withe all the inwardnesse of myn hart. And now lately ye shall understand þat I resseyvid a token ffrom you, the which was and is to me right hartely welcom, and with glad will I resseyvid it; and over that I had a letter ffrom Holake, youre gentyll Sqwyer, by the which I understand right well þat ye be in good helth off body, and mery at

¹ "for þe" repeated in MS.

hart. And I pray God hartely to his plesour to conteneu the same : ffor it is to me veray grete comfforth þat ye so be, so helpe me Jhesu. And yff ye wold be a good etter off your mete allwaye, that ye myght waxe and grow ffast to be a woman, ye shuld make me the gladdest man off the world, be my trouth : ffor whanne I remembre your ffavour and your sadde loffynge delynge to me wardes, ffor south ye make me evene veray glade and joyus in my hart : and on the toþersyde agayn whanne I remembre your yonge youthe. And seeth well that ye be none eteter off youre mete, the which shuld helpe you greatly in waxynge ; ffor south þan ye make me veray hevy agayn. And therefore I praye you, myn nown swete Cossen, evene as you loffe me to be mery and to eate your mete lyke a woman. And yff ye so will do ffor my loveff, looke what ye will desyre off me, whatsoever it be, and be my trouth I promesse you by the helpe of our Lord to performe it to my power. I can [no]¹ more say now, but at my comyng home I will tell you mych more betwene you and me and God beffore. And where as ye, ffull womanly and lyke a loffer, remembre me with manyffolde recomendacion in dyversse maners, remyttynge the same to my discreccion to depart them þer as I loveff best, ffor south, myn nown swete Cossen, ye shall understond þat with good hart and good will I resseyve and take to my self the one halff off them, and them will I kepe by me ; and the toþer halff with hartely loveff and ffavour I send hem to you, myn nown swete Cossen, agayn, ffor to kepe by you : and over that I send you the blissynge þat our Lady gaveffe hir dere sonne, and ever well to flare. I pray you grete well my horsse, and praye hym to gyffe yow iiij off his yeres to helpe you with all : and I will at my comynge home gyff hym iiij off my yeres and iiij horsse lofes till amendes. Tell hym þat I prayed hym so. And Cossen Kateryn I þannke you ffor hym, and my wiff shall þanke you ffor hym hereafter ; ffor ye do grete cost apon hym as it is told me. Myn nown swete Cossen, it was told me but late þat ye were at Cales to seeke me, but ye cowde not se me nor ffynde me : ffor south ye myght have comen to my counter, and þer ye shuld bothe ffynde me and see me, and not have ffawtid off me : but ye sought me in a wronge Cales, and þat ye shuld well know yff ye were here and saw this Cales, as wold God ye were and som off them with you þat were with you at your gentill Cales. I praye you, gentill Cossen, comaunde me to the Cloke, and pray hym to amend his unthryffte maners : ffor he strykes ever in undew tyme, and he will be

¹ "No" omitted in MS.

ever affore, and that is a shrewde condiscion. Tell hym with owte he amend his condiscion that he will cause strangers to advoide and come no more there. I trust to you that he shall amend agaynest myn commynge, the which shalbe shortly with all hanndes and all ffeete with Godes grace. My veray ffeiztheffull Cossen, I trust to you þat thowe all I have not remembred my right worshipfull maystres your modyr affore in this letter þat ye will off your gentilnesse recomaunde me to her maystresshipe as many tymes as it shall ples you: and ye may say, yff it plesse you, that in Wytson Weke¹ next I intend to þe marte ward. And I trust you will praye ffor me: ffor I shall praye ffor you, and, so it may be, none so well. And Almyghty Jhesu make you a good woman, and send you many good yeres and longe to lyveffe in helth and vertu to his plesour. At greate Cales on this syde on the see, the ffyrst day off June, whanne every man was gone to his Dener, and the Cloke smote noynne, and all oure howsold cryed after me and badde me come down; come down to dener at ones! and what answer I gaveffe hem ye know it off old.

Be your ffeiztheffull Cossen and loffer Thomas Betson.

I sent you this rynge ffor a token.

To my ffeiztheffull and hartely beloved Cossen Kateryn Ryche at Stonor this letter be delyvered in hast.

167. GODDARD OXBRYGGE TO MISTRESS STONOR

12 JULY, 1476

As to Davy Wrixham see No. 213. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 109.

Jhesu. A^o. M. iiij^c lxxvj

Ryght worshipfull and Reverent Maistes, I recomend me unto you in the moste lowlyest wyse that I best can or maye: and, Maistes, pleasthe you to undirstond that I have R[eceived] a letter ffrome you by Davy Wrixham, the whech letter I undirstod wele, and schoche matter ase you he wreten to me ffor I wille aply hete as ney as I [may²]. And,

¹ This letter was written on Whitsun Eve.

² There is a hole in the paper.

Maistes, ther as you wrote to ffor your fesche I have aplyd hete as ny as kowd, but as I cane I will send it to you as sone as I maye, and thate shalbe a Tuysdaye or a Weddensdaye¹ at the ffardest. And as for odir matterys that you wrote to me ffor, I have nat yete inquiryd off theme, ffor the tyme was sso shorte I coud nat: the tyme wase sso shorte, sso I R[eceived] your letter a Tuysdaye betwyxte vj and vij a the kloke. And as ffor that yo wrote to me of Davy I wyll do acordyng to your wyll: and as ffor hyse gownys he had convyed theme, before you rod owte of London, into Whytebredys howse, and he had j off theme beffore he spake with me: and as for the remnante he shall nate have some wrytyng ffro you. And as ffor all oddir matterys I wyll ssend you word as ssone as I maye with the gras off owre lord, whoo have you, Right Worshipfull Maistres, I his blessyd kepynge, Amen. Be your prentyse

Goddard Oxbrygge,
the xij day of Jull.

To my Right worshipfull Maistres Stonor, at sstonor. be thyse delyver.
in hast.

168. ELIZABETH STONOR TO WILLIAM STONOR

18 AUGUST, 1476

"My brodyr Stocker" is Sir William Stocker, husband of Elizabeth Stonor's sister Margaret. "My brodyr Crooke" is probably her own brother John. If "my husbond's teremnt" refers to the anniversary of Thomas Ryche's death, he must have died nearly a year before his will was proved. Elizabeth Stonor seems to have spent all the latter part of 1476 in London. Unlike most of Elizabeth Stonor's letters this is holograph. Since 18 August, 1476, was on a Sunday, the time to Tuesday next seems short; but in the following letter there is expectation of an equally speedy reply. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 114.

Jhesu. Ano. xvj

Right well belovyd Cossen, I recomaund me unto you with all myn hart and I þannke you hartely, gentill Cossen, off youre expediscion

¹ i.e. 17 or 18 July.

that ye have made in plesynge off my brodyr Stocker off his bucke: he is beholdyn unto you: at your comynge to London he will thanke you I dowl not as reason is; and I, as ffor my parte, þanneke you ffor my venyson, the which I have R[eceived] by my brodyr Crooke. Also, gentill Cossen, I undyrstond þ^t my dougth^r Kateryn is craysed and hath a desese on hir neke: I marvell what it shuld be: yff it wold lyke you, I praye you hartely to suffer hir to come to London to me to the intent she may be holpyn þeroff. I send syr William, Annes Dibdale, and Howlake for hir, and on Twesday next I trust to see you here at London, and whanne ye come ye shall be welcom with more. Jesu spede you ever, amen. At London le xviii jour d'aoust.

Elysabeth Stonor.

P.S. in dorso. Gentyll Cossen, I praye you to bryng with you the ij baysons and hewers off silver, the silver Candelstikes and the monstrans, and the letill silver bayson to set it in. I wold have it here ayenst myn husbonds terement, and it can not come better at no tyme þanne with you now because off strenght.

To my most worshipfull Cossen Willm. Stonor, Esquyer, this be delyvered. At Stonor.

169. ELIZABETH STONOR TO WILLIAM STONOR

12 SEPTEMBER, 1476.

This was written on a Thursday. It seems to show that the journey from London to Stonor would be made on horseback in a long day; the distance would be about forty miles. From *A.C.*, xlv, 115.

Right Reverent and Worshipfull and enteirly best belovyd Cosyn, I recommede me unto you in the most lowlyest wyse that I best can or may. And syr, as this day by your servaunt Thomas Mathew I receyvyd a letter from you, by the which letter I understonde that 3e be sumwhat amended and shall every day better and better þen other by þe grace of God. Also, gentyll Cosyn, I understonde that my brother and yowris is sore seke of the poxes: wherfore I am right hevye and sory of your beyng there, ffor the eyre of poxe is ffull contagious and namely to them than ben nye of blode. Wherfore I wolde praye you,

gentyll Cosyn, that 3e wolde come hedyr, and yif hit wolde plesse you so to doo, &c. And yif that hit lyke you not so to doo, Gentill Cosyn, lettith me have hedyr some horsis I pray you, and that I may come to you, ffor in good faith I can fynde hit in my herte to put my self in jubardy there as ye be, and shall do whilst my lyffe endureth to the plesure of God and yours. For in good faith I thought never so longe sith I see you, ffor in trowth I hadde will hopid that your horsis shulde a ben here as þis night; and that I tho3t verely, and so poyntid my self for to a be with you as þe morue at night with Godes mercy, which shulde have ben to me right a grete comfort; ffor in good faith I have not ben mery at myn hert þis sevynnight day ffor dyverse maters the whiche hath ben brokyn to me. Wherefore I wist full hertly dyverse tymes þat 3e hadde ben here: ffor I wot will that ye coulde an answeyrd in certayne maters better þen I: ffor truly I had not so besy a weke sith I cam hedyr, exepte oone day, which sir William, and John Mathewe both can enfourme you parte þerof. And Syr, as towchyng my childeryn I hertly thanke you that hit lyke you so for to tend them: but 3it, Gentyll Cosyn, yif hit plesse you to sende hem up with such horsis as hit lykith you to send for me, I wolde hertly pray you, ffor the poxe ben past out of this Countre and Cyte as fer as I understonde, blessyd be God. Gentyll Cosyn, I pray you hertly that I may have a redy worde from you on Saterday at nyght at þe ferthest; for in trowth I can not be mery unto þe tyme that I know verely how that 3e will I be demenyd hereyn. No more to you at this tyme, but almyghty Jhesu preserve you, and kepe you longe in good hele of body and longe to lyve in vertu to Godes plesure, and so to your moste hertes desire, amen. At London þe xij day of Septembr. A^o xvj.

And myn sonne Betson recommede hym unto you as hertely as he can or may, and bysowght to vouchsaße to pray for hym &c.: and ye shall Rec. ij letters of hym by John Mathewe. And as this day viij of the Cloke in þe morning he toke his barge. I pray God sende hym good spede, amen.

By your ovne Elysabeth Stonore.

To my Right Worshipfull Cosyn, Willm. Stonor, squiere, this be delyvered.

170. ELIZABETH STONOR TO WILLIAM STONOR

9 OCTOBER, 1476

It is uncertain who is meant by "Cosyn Fowler": but he may possibly be Richard Fowler, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, since from No. 172 he seems to have been influential at Court. Thomas Wode is a servant of Stonor, see Nos. 147 and 184. "Cosyn Helmys" is probably Walter Elmes. From *A.C.*, xlii, 116.

The fact that this letter was dictated may explain the curious use of "hyt thys" for "it is," and such spelling as "hondely" for "only".

Jhesu M. iiij^c lxxvj.

Right Interly and beste belovyde Cosyn, I recomaunde me unto you in moste lovyng wyse. Syr, I resayvyde ffrome you a letter by the wyche I consayvyde that ye canne not departe but it shulde be to your gret lose. Whereffor ye do ryght welle to set hyt in a suerte: ffore hyt thys no lytell monay that he howys you. And Syr, as ffore my Cosyn Fowler, he whas not come as thys nythe, but he wylle be to morow at his plase as hyt thys tollde me. And as ffore my son Betson I have no wrytyng syn you departe. I truste yt shall not be longe to or whe shalle have wrytyng ffrome hym. And Syr, ther as ye wryte unto me ther as þat Chetys and Hoderstone shulde be lefte ther styлле, truly so hyt thys: ffor I have put ffore no thyng save hondely for sarten plote. ffordre more, Syr, ye schall under[stonde] þat Thomas a Wode hys very sore syke at the Sworde in Flete strete. Syr, the Kyng hys come to Westemester, and I understonde there schalle be a gret Counsell, whereffore I wot never. My Cosyn Hellmys recomaunde hym unto you. And Syr, I thanke you hartely as I cane ffore your good tynchys: ffore truly thay whare very goode and swet as I het hany many a day. Whereffore I sent my fader bone off them to hys soper. Whereffor he thanke you ryght hartely. No more unto you at thys tyme, Jhesu have you in his kepyng, Amen. At London the ix day of Octobur at ix a Cloke at nythe.

By your owne Elysabeth Stonor.

Allso Syr, ye schulle understonde that Thomas Wode hys [syke wi]th the pokys.

To my Ryght Reverent and Worshipfull hosbon Wyllm. Stonor, Sqyer, at Orton thys letter be delyverd. In hast. dd.

171. HENRY DOGETT TO [? WILLIAM STONOR]

[20 OCT., 1476]

Assuming that this letter was written to William Stonor, the most likely year is 1476 when St. Luke's Day (18 Oct.) was on Friday, and All Soul's Day (2 Nov.) on Saturday. But Dogett was in the service of Thomas Stonor as early as 1444-45, and the reference to "Burghwardescote" or Buscot may point to the letter having been written to Thomas Stonor—see vol. i, p. xxv. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 147.

Ryght worshepful and my good and feithfull maister, I recomaund me to yow: pleasith yow to wete þat I have receyved the firme of Burghwardescote for Mychaelmas last passed, and for your mares there xiiij. s. iiiij. d., the wheche is redy at your commaundement. And for your Courtes, I woll kepe them a Asowlenday at Stonore, and the weke folowyng at Watlyngton, yef ye commaund me not the contrary, with Goddes leve, who ever preserve yow, my goode and feithefull maister. Wreten at Astun, the Sonday next after Seynt Lukes day.

Your old servant Henry Dogett.

No endorsement.

172. ELIZABETH STONOR TO WILLIAM STONOR

22 OCTOBER [1476]

From the allusions it is clear that this was written shortly before the next letter; so the year is fixed for 1476, and the day was a Tuesday. "My lady of Southfolke" is Elizabeth of York, wife of John de la Pole, the second Duke of Suffolk. "Cossyne Rokyse" is presumably Thomas Rokes (see No. 89). "My Cyster Barantyne" is William Stonor's sister Mary, whose husband John Barantyne was under age (see No. 294). Elizabeth Stonor, the third sister, was apparently unmarried. John Barantyne's mother Elizabeth had married as her second husband Sir John Boteler, who died on 14 June, 1477 (*Chancery Inq. p.m.*, Edward IV, file 61, No. 25). As to Fowler see No. 169. The last clause of the letter is autograph. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 121.

Right interly and best beloved husband, I recomaund me unto you in my most herty wyse, evermore thankynge you right hertely off all kyndeness to me schewed at all tymes, and nowe ffor your good Venysone and Coneys, the wheche you sent me be Heri Blakhall, the which is gret deyntis to have here in London: wherfor I sent the halffe hawnche to my ffadyr and a cowpyll off coneys: and they recomaund them unto you and thanke you ryght hertely. And sur, you schall undyrstond that I have be with my Lady of Southfolke as on Thursday last was, and wayted uppon hyr to my lady the Kynges Modyr and hyrse, be hyr commaundment. And also on Satyrday last was I wayted uppon hyr thedyr ageyne, and allso ffor thens she wayted uppon my lady hyr Modyr, and browght hyr to Grenwyche to the Kyngis good grace and the quenyse: and ther I sawe the metyng betwyne the Kyng and my ladye his Modyr. And trewly me thought it was a very good syght. And sire, I was with my lady of Southfolke at this day hopynge that I myght have hade hyre at sume leysyre that I myght a spokyn to hyr ffor the money, but trwly sche was very besy to make hyre redy, ffor sche is redyne to Cauntyrbery as this same day, and sche wyll be here ageyne as on Satyrday next comynge, ffor so sche told me hyr selff. Also Sire, I spake with my cosyn Fowler at my lady the Kyngis Modyr; and I thankyde hyme as hertely as I cowde for his gret kyndnese that he schewid to you and to me at all tymys, prayenge hyme of his good continuans: and he askyde me when you wyld cum hydyr. And I tellyd hym that I supposyd that you wyld be her as this weke. And also I spake with my cosyne Rokysse: and he askyd me in leke wyse, and he seyth itt is not hys ffortune to mete with you here in London: and I spake to hyme ffor John Mathews mater, and prayed hym to be good master unto hym: and he awnswerd me ageyne, and seyde that he had lytyll cause, for he seyth that he have ben the most importune manne that myght be to hymewardes. And I awnswerd and seyde to hyme, that I coude never undyrstond hyt but that he owght hyme his servyse to his powre. And Sire, my lady of Southfolke is halfindell¹ dysplesyd because that my Cystere Barantyne is no better arayed, and leke wyse my Cyster Elysabeth. And sche seyth with owght they be otherwyse arayed, sche seyth, sche may not kep them: and sche seyth that my Moder and yours schuld saye that you have I-nowe to ffynd my Cyster Elysabeth with all. Also I undyrstond þat Sure John Buttelyr hath spokyn to my lady to have my Cyster Barantyne with hyme: what he menyth therin

¹ "halfendele," the half-part.

we wot nere, with oute that he wold have the rewle of hyr husbandys lyvelode be that meane. Whereffore my Cyster wold speke with you ffore that mater to have your counsell in what is best to do. And Sire, as ffor my sone Betsonne I herde no worde ffrome hyme sith you departyd: for ther commyth no passage this viij dayese. And Sire, I wold pray you whenne Davy Wrixame commyth to you owght off Cottyswold, that ye wold send hyme hydder that he myght wryght to my sonne howe he have done in the contre. And good Sire, I pray you that my blewe gowne of damaske may be sent to me ageyne alhalowne day, and my cofferse and my dowter Caterynes, that I spake to you ffore. And sire, suche kercherse and smokkys and small japys that be in the chest that Cateryne my womanne had role of, wech chest stondygh in my sonne Betsonys Chaumbre. And Sire, I wold pray you that zee wold send this gere to me that I myght take rekenyg of hyre: ffor she skevisith hyr and sey that suche gere as I aske her is there. Sir, I pray you send me no more ryngis with stonys: ffore the ryng that you sent me be Hery Blakhall, the stone is ffallyn owght be the way and loste: whereffore I ame sory. Good sire, let it not be long or I may se you: for truly me thynke ryght long syth I se you. Your chylderne and myne flare well, blessyd be God, and they be to me a gret cownfort in your absens. No more to you at this tyme, but almyghti Jhesu preserve and kepe you in long helth and vertue to hys plesure. At London the xxij day of Octobre.

My owne Cosyne, I sende you a bladyr with powdyr to drynke when ze go to bedde, ffor hit is holsome ffor you.

Be your ovne to my powre Elysabeth Stonore.

To my Ryght well-belovyd Cosyn Wyllm. Stonor, squyer, at Stonore, this be delyveryd.

173. ELIZABETH STONOR TO WILLIAM STONOR

25 OCTOBER, 1476

The left-hand corner has been destroyed; but most of the missing words can be easily restored. From *A.C.*, xlvii, 117.

Jhesu M. iiij. lxxvj.

Ryght Interly and beste belovyde Cosyne, I recomaunde me unto you as hartely as I cane. ffordermore, Cosyn, plesyth hyt you to understonde that I have resayvide a bore ffrom you: the wyche I thanke you ryght hartely ther ffor: the wyche bore hys very goode and well braunde. Allso Cosyn, my moder and yourys sent me monay to by her boge, and sche sent me a gobelet to amend: the wyche gobelet I have schuyde unto dyverys golldsmythys: and thay say hyt cane not be amendyd, but hyt be new made: and so I pray you to infforme my moder. And as ffor the boge my moder sent unto me ffor, I send hyt to her by Folyhet, the brynger heroff. And so, Syr, I pray you to infforme my moder, as hyt thys: and I will kepe the gobelet unto the tyme that I have answerd ffrome her. Allso, Syr, I pray you to recomaunde me hartely unto here goode moderhode. Fordermore, Cosyn, I longe sore ffore you, to se you her in London, whanne you have done your besenes: but I understonde that you have hade gret besyns syn you departyd ffrome me. Syr, ye schalle understand that I had no wrytyng ffrome my son Betson: ffor as ny as I cane in-kewere, syn Howlake departyd ther came no passag ffrom Calys. Forder, syr, I pray you that ye wolde woche-saffe ffore to sen John Mathew unto Hendelay, ffor to breke the ffordell, and to wrythe schuche thyngys [as] is in hyt, and to make ij ffordellys ther off, that hyt mythe be sent downe by the caryar off [Hendelay] ffor I cane not have hyt ayenst the tyme helse: ffore I most nedes have hyt, ffore the chylld [eryn have] ne chaung, ffor they go so schamely that I have pete off them. And goode Syr, as ffor my nawne [gowne that I] wrothe unto you off, I pray you that I mythe have hyt as sone as ye may. No more unto you [at thys tyme], but Jhesu have you in hys keepyng. Wretyn at London the xxv day off Octobur.

By your ovne Elysabeth Stonore.

Unto my Ryght hartely well-belovyde Cosyn Wyllm. Stonor, Squiere, thys be delyverd, in hast.

174. JOHN RYTTE AND JOHN CRICHE TO WILLIAM STONOR .

[? 2 Nov. 1476]

Since Stonor is a squire the year cannot be later than 1477; but if, as seems probable, "Master Fouler," means Richard Fowler, the date cannot be

later than 1476; the reference to Clarence also makes 1477 unlikely. John Rytte is mentioned in No. 126; but the commission referred to in that letter seems to be an earlier one. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 112.

Worschipfull maister, I recomaunde me to your maistershipp &c. Where as we were appointed to sytte at Modbury, we myght not so dele, but ryde a bakwardes to Exceter and cary jurors with us to your cost and charge more þan we were advisid þat hit schuld have be. Neverthelesse your charge is resonable ese, be meanes of John Fortescu, Strecchle, and oþer your welwillers: and as for Thomas Mattheu paid to þis charge no peny nor no day will sette to paie: also ye most cause Maister Foulter to thanke þe sheriff of Devon for he shewid large good will for Foulers letter to you. Also I advise you to speke with my lorde of Clarence is feoder, I-callid Robert Holbenne of Greysyn, that he will not trouble your tenaunte; for seith plainly he will distreyne for þe iij part of a knyghte-fe xxxiij. s. iiij. d. I-writ at Exceter on all Soules dai last past.

By your servautes
John Rytte and John Criche.

To Will. Stonore, esquier.

175. ELIZABETH STONOR TO WILLIAM STONOR

7 NOVEMBER, 1476

The original is somewhat badly injured, and the missing words can be only in part restored. The last clause is autograph. On the misunderstanding with Thomas Stonor, see No. 180. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 118.

Jhesu. M. iiij^c lxxvj.

Ryht enterly and beste belovyd husbond I recomand me unto you in my most hartyest wyse that I beste can or may, sartyfying you that I have receyvyd your letter of John Stute and iij coppull of conyes and bald reybbyss with the chyke, the whyche I thanke you for als hartyly as I can. Also I conseve by your wrytyng that you have had very meych a do with holdyng of cortes and odir besynes, the [wyche], as I pray God son to send you a nend thereof, that I myght [see you] here. And Syr, as tocheyng the hogeysched of salte that you wrote [to] me for,

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truly Syr I wold a sente yt to you with alle my harte, but þe bargys wer departyd before your letter cam [unto] me. Also, Syr, I have reseyyvd sen you departyd ij letterys frome my [sun Bet]sun as on Monday last wase, on of them deectyd to you. . . . The whyche letterys I have red and wele undirstond them [. . . I] conseve by hese wrytyng that he ys very lothe that Elmys woll . . . departe frome heme : never the less he thynkithe that xij markes and a d[i . . .] pryse for to bye lx saks : after that pryce it wold draw myche m[oney] and lytell gettyng suld be therin. And yet I truste to have yt, for as I undirstond yt ys yete unsold that my sun Betsun sent to me by the brynger [herof . . .] I pray you grete wel my broder Thomas Ston[or from me desiring y]ou to seye to heme that I marvyll gretly what [. . . moveth] heme to saye schoyche langege by me as he dothe, for as . . . [that] I [wold] plok from your lyelod alle that I can to make a grete . . . : for þat I wote welle you can awnswere for me wele enowe. And so I . . . to defend me. No more to you at thys tyme, but I beseche all myg[hty Jhesu] have you, right ynterly and best beloved husbond, in nys [blyssid kepyng ever] Amen. At London the vij day of Novembr.

My owne good [husb]ond I se well ye [re]membre þe puttyng at . . . out off þe bed whan you and I lay last togedyr.

By your ovne [to my] powre, Elysabeth Stonor.

To my Right worshipfull husbond [Wyllm.] Stonor, Sqyer, thys letter be delывerd in hast. d. d.

176. ELIZABETH STONOR TO WILLIAM STONOR

11 DECEMBER, 1476

Elizabeth Stonor's younger daughters must have been mere children. As 11 Dec. was a Wednesday, Betson must have arrived home on 9 Dec. The last clause is autograph. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 119.

Jhesu

Ryght entirely and beste beloved husbonde I recomende me unto you in the most lovyng wyse that I best can or may. Moreover, pleseth hit yow to understonde that I have receyvyd your letter, a byll closid in the said letter, which I have redd and ryght well understandyd : and as

for all such stuff as the said byll specefyth of, as yet I have not receyvyd. How be hit the barge is comyn with þe said stuff as þis nyght at vij of clocke: and Syr, soo hit will be the morne or I can receyvyd hit. Ferþermore, syr, plesith hit yow to wit that as on ffryday last past I dyende with my ffadir and my modir. And þer was at dyner with hym þe frendys of 3e childe which was movid for oone of my dozters at your last beyng heere. And so at after dyner þey hadde þere comunycation for þe said mateer, wherby I understode þer disposicions how þat þey were disposid in the said mateer. And truly hit was nothyng as hit was spokyn of at þe begynnyng: wherfore I answeyrd and said in þis wyse: that þoo shee were my childe, as she is, I coulde not answere that mateer without yow nor noght wolde doo. How be hit, I answeyrd in your byhalf: that I wyst ryght well þat 3e wolde be ryzt kynd and lovyng ffadir, yif God ffortunynd that ye and they shulde dele. And Sir, there as ye wryte that þat þe bargemen ben loth to take and Rec. any stuff of ours I marveyle gretely: ffor truly to my knowlege I hadde never þing caryed by any of them but þat I paid them truly þefore. And Sir, as for þe vj cowpull of haberndens, the which ye wryte ffore, they shall be bought and sente yow ryght shortly. And as ffor your gownys of chamlet and dublettes of sylke, I have bought hem: the which shall plese yow ryght well, I trust to God, at your comyng, &c. And Sir, my sonne Betson recommede hym unto yow, and he come home as on Monday last past, and he ha:h brought with hym, blessid be God, good tythynges, the which he and I shall enfourme yow at your comyng. And ther as ye wryte that ye will sende me of a wylde bore and oher venson ayenst Sondag, truly I thanke yow as hertly as I can. But truly yet I wolde pray yow that ye wolde spede yow hedyr als sone as ye can: ffor I wolde trust to Godes mercy hit shoulde be to your profetes and avayle in tyme comyng by the grace of our Lord, who ever preserve and kepe yow to his plesur and your most herts comfort. Amen. At London the xj day of Decembre A^o xvj.

And Cosen, heras ye wryte to me þat I had no leysyr: truly I have ben crised and besy, ellys I wyld have wryte to you or thys tyme.

By your ovne Elysabeth Stonore.

To my Ryght well belovyd Cosen, Willm. Stonere, esquier at Stóner þis be delyverd.

177. THOMAS RAMSEY TO WILLIAM STONOR

20 DECEMBER, [1476]

The year is fixed by No. 179, in which Ramsey acknowledges payment of the £10 for his feeing. Thomas Ramsey of Hucham, or Hitcham, Bucks., near Taplow, was one of Thomas Stonor's executors—see No. 157. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 111.

My worschipfull and most reverent Cosyn, I recomaund me to yow as hertly as I can. I wold I had be at home whan ye had the labour to cum hedir: but I was at Hampden for my kynde Brother, Syr Adam, on whos soule God have mercy: we Ramseys go away ffast: as God wol, so most hit be. Cosyn, I pray yow to send me the x. li. I spake to yow for: and here I send my writing, chearchyng myself as for that hit liked yow to speke to me at Stonor; yet I mervaille for I schall never do nor sey but hit shalbe my feeyng, and non odir. So God help me at my most nede, whom I beseche to kepe yow, my cosyn, your wyff, and all yours. At Hucham the xx day of Decembre.

Thomas Ramsey.

To my worshipfull Cosyn Stonor.

178. ACCOUNT OF A STEWARD OF WILLIAM STONOR

1476-77

In *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 24, is an account for expenses incurred by a servant of William Stonor from 1476-77. The reference to "when I rode into Devenshyre" may possibly point to Walter Elmes. The items include:—

To the vyker of Tyrfeld for wyne &c, xxiiij. s. iiij. d. To Coventre at Watlyngton, iiij. d. To London T. Wood and othyr to fett home my lady, xvij. d. To attourney for John Fenn, xiiij. s. iiij. d. To my lady at London at ij tymes xv. li. vj. s. viij. d. To Moris Escort when I rode to Devenshyre, xiiij. li. Costis in to Devenshyre and homeward, A° xvij°, xvij. s. iiij. d. For my fee A° xvj° and xvij°, x. li. Summa hujus bille, cv. li. xiiij. d. ob.

179. THOMAS RAMSEY TO WILLIAM STONOR

24 JANUARY 1477

As to the projected Rokes marriage, see note on No. 87, and for the trouble with Stonor's servants, compare No. 182. "Christofre" is probably Christopher Holand. See Nos. 233 and 283. From *A.C.*, xlv, 110.

This wreten with my owne hand witnessith, that I, Thomas Ramsey, by the agrement and assent of my worshipfull and reverent Cosyn, William Stonore, have resceyved of my seid cosyn Stonore for the costis, labour, and besynes that I have had, beyng Executor to Thomas Stonore, ffadir to my seid Cosyn William, x. li. This my writing at Hucham, the xxiiij day of January, the xvj yere of the reigne of King Edward the iiijth.

Th. Ramsey.

Worshipfull and reverent Cosyn, I recomaund me to yow, thanking yow of all kyndnes. Pleasith yow to know I spake with Mastres Rokes, and told her how ye wold be right gladde if the mariage myght be betwene my cosyn, your suster, and her son, &c. Syr, she seid the gladdest thing to my cosyn, her husbond and her was to thynk they shold have had grete streyngh and kyndnes by you and yours, wher she told me she thought ye and yours shew gretely the contrarie; for your servaunts and longyng to yow, Harry Parson, Christofre and John Parson, came into ther tenauntes housis and toke a wey conynges, fox nettes: wich conynges were take in ther owne ground and by ther comaundement. Syr, for Goddes ys sake, ye be now in grete worship, kepe ye now grete sadde rewle. What ye wol I do in this or eny odir thing, to my power I am yours. God kepe you and yours. At Hucham, the day forseyd, xxiiij day of Januarie.

T. Ramsey.

To my worshipfull and reverent Cosyn Stonore.

180. ELIZABETH STONOR TO WILLIAM STONOR

7 MARCH, 1477

"Your servant Christoffyre" is probably Christopher Holland. As to John Elmys see No. 60. Hugh Fenne was a ward of Stonor, see vol. i, p. xxix. The signature and postscript are autograph. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 120.

Jhesu A° xvij.

Ryght enterly and best belovyd husbond, I recomaund me unto you as hertely as I can. Syre, I have ress[eyved] a letter ffrom you, and a nothyr letter þat my son Betson sent you and a tokyn from you be your servant Christoffyre, which letter I have red and ryght well undyrstond. And as towchyng John Elmys, truly, syre, he is a marvelous man: I conseyve be my son þat he wold goo from his promesse þat he made to you and to hym of his woll þat hyt suchld¹ aryse as good in pokyng thys zere as hyt ded þe last zere: and þat I consyve he cannot make good: but never þe lesse I dout not but þat you and my son Betson wyll handyll þe matyrs well I-nowe: ffore blessyd be God ȝe be on þe surere syde: ffore all þe sayde woll I have ress[eyved] hyte and fayer howsyd hyt: and ȝyt ffore all that I wot well þat you and my son wynnot dele with hym othyrewyse than ryght and consyes wyll requere, and þat is best. Syre, I thank you hertely þat hyt plesyd you to wyshe me with you at redyng off my letter: truly I wold I had a be there with you at þe same seson with all my hert. And as towchyng my brothyre Stonore, truly syre ther was no bodye þat tellyd me precysly þat hyt was he, but I knowe well hyt was he, ffore hyt was sayde to me þat I kept you here among a meany of boyes with othyre langwage more, which was not fytyng fore to have such langwage of any servant that long to you ore me: fore, and he remembyre hym selff well, he hath no cause to saye of me othewyse than well: fore I never sayde to dysplease hym be my wyll, but fore hys own worshypp, and þat knowyth God, how ever pre-serve you. At London, þe vij day of Marche. Catelyn and Hue Fenne recomaund them unto you, and they pray fore you as they can. And

¹ I.e. schuld.

Syre Wyllm. Stavelye and all your howshold ffaryth well, blessyd be God.

By your owne to my pouer Elysabeth Stonore.

My good Cosen, I am crassed in my baket: you wat what I men.

To my ryght worschypfull Cosyn Wyllm. Stonore, squyer, at Stonore be this delyvered.

181. SIR RICHARD GRAYSTOKE TO WILLIAM STONOR

20 APRIL [? 1477]

Since Stonor is not a knight the date cannot be later than 1477. The reference to John Blakhall's death shows that this letter is later than No. 156; it may possibly belong to 1476. Sir Richard Graystoke was presumably a son of Ralph de Greystoke (*d.* 1487), but if so died before his father (*Complete Peerage*, iv, 116). From *A.C.*, xlv, 96.

Right trusty and welbelovede, I commende me to yow. I sent yow not long agoo by my chaplan writyng in þe wyche I desyrede youe to contente me of þe money þe wyche ye or your deputtes au to pay to þe heyres of John Blakhall as ye dyde to hym: and ye sent me word þat ye wold spek with me at Oxforth: how be itt I heyre no worde of yow yit: I am now sent for by my lorde, my fadyr, to se hys lordship, and may not tary in þis countee: wherfor I sende my servante now to yow for þe sayd money to þe exhibucion of þe sayd heyre: for I am purposed þat he shall goo with me northwarde for þe season, itt shall not be longe with þe grace of Gode: perfor I pray yow without any delay of or fenying after concience doo: for, as your neyburs saye, ye be well conscience in such matyrs: 3e shall not fynd me rigguos in þis matyr, iff ye will do as ye au to doo, as I soppose ye will. þer be oþer particular dettes wych I will lat alone to I come azane, and þane ye and I shall acorde well I-now, bot I pray yow remembre þis monay wych is dew for þis zeyre passed and over hallso: for iff 3e will send never so simpell a tokyn or writyng to Rob. Warner of Watlyngton, he will delyver itt, as he telld my chaplan when he was with hym: itt must nedes be doon, for ye know þe finall concorde well I-now betwyx your father and his heyres John Blakhall and his heyres, as my chaplan shewed yow: and 3it itt more stronger þane soo: I pray yow let me have no

mor coste in sendyng heyr for, nor my servant no more labor : for I have hade cost right grete afor of þe sayd heyre and dayly has. I pray yow remembre þis my wrytyng and gife credence to þe brynger heyrof, as I may doo for you by þe grace of God, who preserve yow. At Oxforth, þe xx day of Aprill.

Sir Ric. Graystoke.

To my right trusty and welbeloved Willm. Stonor, Squier.

182. A RIOT AT FAWLEY

9 JUNE, 1477

In the *Baga de Secretis*, Bundle 1, m. 23 (K.B. 8, 1.) there is the record of an Inquisition held at Wycombe on 16 June, 1477, before Richard Fowler, Thomas Hampden of Hampden, John Gyfford, Richard Lovell, and Richard Maryot, justices of the peace, and justices appointed to hear and determine felonies, etc. The subject was a riot caused by William Stonor, and though not part of the Stonor Papers it seems well to give the finding of the jurors for its illustration of other matters. The trouble that led to the riot seems to be referred to in No. 179. Thomas Rokes, the elder, was probably the writer of No. 89, from which it would appear that he was married to a sister or half-sister of Thomas Stonor.

[*The oath.*] Dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Willelmus Stonoure de Stonoure in comitatu Oxon. armiger, alias dictus Willelmus Stonor de Stonor in comitatu Oxon. armiger, alias dictus Willelmus Stonoure nuper de London armiger, alias dictus Willelmus Stonor nuper de London armiger, nono die instantis mensis Junii anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum decimo septimo, apud Falley in Comitatu Buk. aggregatis sibi quampluribus malefactoribus ac pacis dicti Regis perturbatoribus, ad numerum ducentarum personarum ignotarum, vi et armis ac modo guerrino et riotoso arraiatis, videlicet gladiis, arcubus, sagittis, Bylles, Gleyves, et aliis armis defensivis. clausam Thome Rokes, armigeri, senioris, tunc et ibidem fregit et intravit, et in Aliciam uxorem ejusdem Thome, tunc apud Falley predictam existentem insultum fecit et affraiam : ob quod eadem Alicia de vita sua desperabatur, ad grave damnum predictorum Thome Rokes et Alicie, et contra pacem dicti domini regis &c.

183. JOHN CROKE TO WILLIAM STONOR

[? 1477]

Elizabeth Stonor had two brothers called John ; the writer must be John the elder, since John the younger was apparently under age when their father died in the autumn of 1477 (between 26 Sept. and 19 Nov.). John Croke, the elder, married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Coton, Esq., of Warwickshire (will ap. *P.C.C.*, 21 Logge). Since his father was still alive the date of this letter cannot be later than September, 1477. From the reference to the Fenns and Stepney it was probably not more than a year earlier than No. 213. The John Fenn of this letter is presumably the father of Stonor's wards—see vol. i, p. xxix. Hugh Fenn was his cousin and overseer of his will, and is perhaps to be identified with the Hugh Fenn of the *Paston Letters*. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 92.

Righth Reverent and worschypfull and myen especiall good mayster and broder, worschypfull and myen especiall good and lovyng suster, y recommaunde me unto you in the most hertly wyesse þat y kan, and thankyng you of your grete cher done unto me at my laste beyng with you, and at many odyr tymes : also for your letter wyche you sent unto me tochyng thys mater of Geffrey Poole, the wyche mater you schall understand y moved to my fader, schowyng to hym that Wylliam Dauers first broke the mater unto me and wylyd me to go on to take a syett of þe Gentywoman, and also what comunicacion was betwen Walter Rollines and Geffrey Poole, and how apon þat mocion it pleasyd you to send for me at your charge and coste, and how þat it pleasyd you to tak the labour, when y was with you, for to go over to Geffrey Poole : y towld ferdermore how y spoke with Geffrey Pole, and sawe hys dowter, and of such chere as y had þer &c. And my fader held hym very welle content with it, and thankyth you hertly of your kyendnes and gret labour in the mater, and prayth you, and so do y, iff you thynk it wyll be so profytable as it have be spoken for, to contynew my good mayster. And syr, iff Wylliam Dauers or any odyr move unto me more in þat mater, y schall herre þerin, and, as they sey and as y do þerin, y schall send you worde, &c. Ferdermore, syr, as tochyng your own maters at Steppneth you schall understand þat all such persones as tooke the surrender of Hew Fen to .your veoffees have testyfyed the sayed surrender afor Merkys, the Byschopys Steward : and the Steward seyde unto me þat of all such parcell wych Hew Fen was jointly seasyd with John Fen he wolld þat y schold labour owt your copies, paying

your ffyn as it schull be ascessyd : but he seyth that þe garden with xv acres in crofftyts, wyche was purchasyd of on callyd Poole, and also cottage with a curtelage in Blechenall Grene with iiij acres of lond, if John Fen died soole seased of them, and after the costum of the Maner moste go unto þe next heyr and not to you. Syr, y answerd hym as to how thys parcell that Hew Fen had a joint estat in þem with John Fen &c. And syr, I know certainly þat you have a copy conseryng the garden with xij acres lond, wyche proveth þat Hew Fen had a joint estat with John Fen in þe same lond : wherfore it is nessessary for you þat y have all your copyes to scho unto the Steward as it is in dede, or elles it wyll be your hurt &c. Syr, y wyll awyse you as schortly as you kan to send to my broder Stoker and to my fader that they may labour for your fyne to make it as ease as it wyll be, and to pay it : for unto that be don the lord wyll reteyn your lond in hys hond &c. Syr, I have spoken with Redley for to have let owt your plase of Steppneth unto my lady of Summersed, and he seyth that sche is purveyd at Chelchess in the bysschop of Salsberyes place. No mor to you at thys tyme, but Jhesu preserve and kepe you.

By your servaunt and Broder John Croke.

To my Righth worsschypfull and especial good broder, Willm. Stonore, be thys letter delyvered.

184. ADAM BYRDE TO WILLIAM STONOR

[? 17 AUGUST 1477]

The date is between 1474 and 1477. As the Assumption (15 Aug.) fell on a Monday in 1474 and a Tuesday in 1475, these years are less likely than 1476 or 1477 ; the probable dates are therefore either 18 August, 1476, or 17 August, 1477. Byrde is one of the signatories of No. 279, the date of which is not before 1478. As to Flete Damarell and St. Leger see No. 127. For Thomas Wode see No. 170. For Gybbys and Orchard see Nos. 126 and 127. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 91.

Ryght worschypfull Meyster, I recomawnd me unto your Meysterschyp, thankyng you hertely of your gret labowre and cost with me had, and in speciale for your warde, þe whiche I have performyd in precens of all þe parissche and of your servant Thomas Wode, they promyttyng the same : the dysposicion of theyme your servant can ynforme your

Maysterschyp of: as yet not performyt in theyre behalfe, nor never I suppose wylbe, yf they eny wey canfyde¹ by eny mene, ner þe fere of þe pennalte of theyr oblygacion: wherfore I beseche you hertely, as ever I may do for your maysterschyp, þat my obligacion may be safe, for so moche as I have done my dewte in every ponte accordyng to your warde. Forthermore, as for þe bownds between þe mayner of Flete Damerell and your maner of Ermyntun, I have spoke to Bertylmew Selenger and oder officerys of Meyster Selengeris, þat ys to sey Orchard, Gybys and oder, they promyttyng to do egaly by þe informacion of þe homages of Flete and Ermyngtun, so þat ther be a man fro you with sufficie autoryte for þe oversyght of þe same: the curte schalbe, as they promyt me, viij or x deys affor Mychellmase by þe grace of Almygty Jhesu, who have your Maysterschyp in kepyng now and ever, Amen. Wryt at Ermyntun,² þe Sonde next after the assumcion of owre lady.

By your servant Adam Byrde.

To my Ryght Worschypfull Meyster, Wyllm. Stonor, thys Be delyveryt.

185. THOMAS BETSON TO DAME ELIZABETH STONOR

22 DEC. [1477]

Since Betson is not yet married the date cannot be later than 1477. The date of the year is omitted in the invocation in the original. Laurence Fyncham was a trustee for John and Elizabeth Fenn—see vol. i, p. xxix. This letter may refer to the same business as Nos. 183 and 208. The description of Elizabeth Stonor as “Dame” should indicate that her husband had been already knighted; but it is not conclusive—see vol. i, p. xxx. From *A.C.*, xlvj, 234.

Jhesu Ano.

My most synguler good lady, after all dew commendacion hadd: please it your good ladishipe to wete that I am throw and agreyd with Laurence Fyncham, and have sett hym such surte as with the same he is right well pleased. Whereffore, good madame, I beseche you to remembre myn obligacion, the which ye have off myn, and lett it be

¹ Can find.

² Byrde first wrote “London”.

broken and sent me hiddy to London by the next that comethe. Also, madame, I have spoken with Laurence Fyncham ffor the xvij. ii. due by Mayster Hampton, and he tellith me pleynty that mayster Hampton will geve no more but xiiij. ii. ffor them, that is after iiij. s. the unce : and yff ye will nat so, ye shall have your baysens agayn. And þerffore, looke how you þinke best, and þerafter send me word, and I shall doo þerin as I wold doo ffor my selff. I spake unto my lady your modyr on seynt Thomas daye,¹ and she wold scarsely oppyn hir mouthe unto me : she is displesid and I know nat whereffore, with owte hir old sekenes be fallen on hir agayn : God send hir ones a mery contenance, and a ffrendely tonnge, or elles shortly to þe mynnorres, wheroff she waxhith wery now, as it was told me but late. I am wrothe with Kateryne, by cause she sendith me no writtynge : I have to hir diverse tymes, and ffor lacke off answere I wax wery : she myght gett a secretary, yff she wold, and yff she will nat it shall putt me to lesse labour to answer hir lettres agayn. Madame, I besече the blissid trenyte to send you a Mery Cristymas to your hartes ease, and ever to preserve and kepe you in longe helth and vertu. At London the xxij day Discembre.

By your owne sone and servaunt, Thomas Betson.

To my right synguler good lady, Dame Elyzabeth Stonor, soyt dd.

186. MARGERY HAMPDEN TO WILLIAM STONOR

[c. 1477]

For Margery Hampden see No. 75. The date of this letter is not later than 1477. From *A.C.*, xlvj, 97.

Worchyppfull Cossyne, I recomaund me unto yow, and I pray yow hartely, cossyne, to come heder thys nyte or to-morow by tymesse, both for þe mater off my nefew, and also for þe mater that I desyred yow, asse my truste yn yow, or asse I may do thyng to yowr plesur, þe weche to do I wold be glad, God knowthe, ho have yow yn ys kepinge.

Yowres M. Hampden.

To my worchippfull Cossyn, W. Stonor, in haste.

¹ 21 December.

187. THOMAS HAMPDEN TO WILLIAM STONOR

[c. 1477]

The date is not later than 1477. Thomas Hampden is the husband of Margery Hampden, see No. 75. He had five sisters. From *A.C.*, xlvj, 98.

Ry3the worchypefull cossyn, y recomaund me unto you : prayng yow that hyt lyke yow to come to London and speke wyth me and wyth my syster : and that hyt lyke yow to hye yow yn all godely hast, asse my truste ys yn yow, ffor y wolde be ago and 3e wert y-come, for we may nat go yn-tyll 3e come. No more unto yow, the holy Trenite have yow yn ys blessyd kēpyng. Y-wryten yn hast at London.

By T. Hampden of Hampden.

To my Ry3the Worschepefull Cossyn, Wylyham Stonorr.

188. ROBERT MORE TO WILLIAM STONOR

[before 1478]

There is nothing to fix the date : but it is earlier than 1478. From *A.C.*, xlvj, 104.

Worschipful Maistyr, I recommend me unto your gud maisterschep, beyng reght hevy þat John Mathew is deessyd or sek, but I trust to God þat he sal do ryght weil, and so doth þe fessechan, and as þis meydsans wyryth on hym so send word agayn with his watter, and þe ffessyschan wul com to hym. Howe ye sal aply þam, and how he sal take þam ye sal knawe in þe littyl beil. Maister, I sal speke with your Maisterschip withyn few dais be þe grace of God, qwo ever preserve yow, Amen. Writtyn in hast.

Be your bedeman Robt. More.

To his Maister, M^r. W. Stonor.

189. H. C[ARNEBULL] TO [WILLIAM] STONOR

[before 1478]

This letter is certainly in the writing of H. Carnebull (see No. 255), who was an officer of the bishop of Lincoln. It was probably addressed to William Stonor, and the date must be earlier than 1478. Simon Haseley occurs as bailiff of Dorchester between 1475 and 1485 (*Early Chancery Proceedings* 60/129). From *A.C.*, xlv, 93.

After my dewte with reommendacion, lyke it youe to be remembred that y desired and praied you at the last leete þat ye and y wer at Dorchestre for my lords baile, Symon Haseley : and that ye wold let hym by cope soche landes ther as thoo wer yn my lordes handes : hit pleased you ther to sey þat it shuld be doon, and þat ye wold be good maistir unto hym, specially for þe good service he hath doon to my lord. And al be hit þat ye desired Herry Doket þerunto, and to make þe baile a copie at þe last holymote þer, he didde hit not, wherby and by þe delay þerof my lord is ly[ke to] lese þe fyne for the same : wherof I merveyle. I pray you therfor se ye hit be doon, for þe advaile of my lord : and let þe copie be entred, as it was accorded, in þe said last halymoote. At your commyng to London y shal wayte on you. Frome Woborne Leiserles þe xviiijth day of August.

Yours to my hole power, H. C.

To maister Stonor.

190. HENRY MAKNEY TO WILLIAM STONOR

[before 1478]

Henry Makney of Makney or Mackney, near Wallingford, in Berkshire, had a lawsuit between 1467 and 1472 with John Colyngrygge. Colyngrygge and his wife Isabell, together with John FitzRobert, and his wife Agnes, pleaded that William Makney, great-grandfather (*besayll*) of Isabell and Agnes, was seised of the manor of Makney and levied a fine in 1350 entailing it on him and his wife Elyn and the heirs of their bodies, with remainder to his right heirs ; and that Henry Makney, son of Richard, son of William, son of the said William and Elyn, and whole brother of Isabell and Agnes, saying that he had been married 15 years and had no issue, had covenanted with Thomas Stonor, esquire, for 20*l.*, part of a great sum to be paid, that the

manor should be made sure to Stonor and his heirs. To this Henry Makney replied that his father Richard was seised in his demesne as of fee, and so enfeofed Sir Robert Shotebroke and others, who granted the manor to Richard and Margaret his wife. After Richard's death Margaret made an estate in a moiety of the manor to Henry for her life; she was still alive and seised of the manor, Henry not holding by the fine. He denied the alleged bargain. Colyngrygge replied asking for Makney to be bound not to defeat the fine (*Early Chancery Proceedings*, 40/87-89). The litigation may have been prolonged, but seems from these letters to have been decided in Makney's favour. This letter is earlier than 1478; it is convenient to place it here in conjunction with the next two documents. From No. 192, William Stonor would seem to have acquired some right in the manor; in the Arbitrament between him and his mother he was awarded Makney's obligation of £40, whereof £20 was yet due (see vol. i, p. 164 above). Leland describes Mackney as "a pratie manor place of brike," builded by one Courte, "uncle to Molines that now dwellith there" (*Itinerary*, i, 120). From *A.C.*, xlv, 103.

Myne especialle gode Mastire, y recomand me to youe &c. Syr, y have seyne a grete oxe for youe, yf ye be note purveyde: þe pris is grete, hit is of xxx. s., but ye shalle have x. s. for þe talow and hide, and he wulle serve youe wele for a C. messe: ye moste sende a servante of yours to mete with me at Wallyngeford on Moneday by vij at þe klokke at Buttons. Y wull showe hyme þe oxe, and if ye þynke þe pris to grete, y wulle go with hyme to Abyngdon markete, and ye shalle have iiij or v dosyne pygeons, ij or iij lamys of xij. d. a pece, chekyns and capons moste be hadde at Oxford on Satusday. Colyngerygge and y be at opyne warre: y purpose to entre in þe Manere of Makney with Godes grace on Moneday or Wennysday; and yf y have nede, y pray youe sende me a gode lade or ij that y be note bete owte ayene. If þer be any odire servise, þat y may do abowte your busines, sende me word, and y shalbe redy &c. Your owne.

H. Makney.

To my specialle gode Mastire W. Stonor.

191. JOHN COLYNGRYGGE TO MARGARET MAKNEY

[date uncertain]

This is not a Stonor Letter, though it may possibly have found its way into the *Stonor Papers* (from which it is now detached) through Henry Makney.

It is, however, of interest for the illustration of Nos. 191 and 193. From *A.C.*, li, 56.

In Exchequer (K.R.) Accounts 515/22 there is an account between John Colyngrygge and his mother-in-law, which is worth insertion here:—

"This bylle makythe mensyon of the goodys þe whiche John Colyngrygge hathe receyvyd of Margrete Makney for his wyfes Chambre. In primis, a gowne of violete engreynynd and furryd, pris xxxiiij s. iiij d. Item, a gowne of blewe and furryd, pris x s. Item a gowne of russet furryd wt blakke, pris x s. Item, a gowne of grene, pris v s. Item, a gyrdyle of grene, pris iij s. iiij d. Item, a fedyr bed pris xij s. iiij d. Item, a hangynge bedd, pris x s. Item, a peire shetys, pris vj s. Item, a pece worsted, pris ij s. vj d. Item, for Skynnys of grey, pris xvij d. Item, for his wyffes bord for þe space of xxij wekys, pris weke xij d. Summa, xxij s. Item, a pelowe, a bed shete and a lytyll clothe þt I yave here bysyde to make here chambre better."

Right Worshipfull and reverent Modyr, y recomaund me unto you : prayng you to have me excused for your sādill, if the harvist had be any thyng likly of sped, my moder, and your sadil had be with you or þis &c. Y am litil hold to Piers Shotesbroke : for al be hit y yaf him and his sone-in-law v or vj dayez by his desire, wherof he kept noon, yit he made a false surmyse to Chok of me, and so y se with him is no feithe, and þerfore y kan thynk folkes þat purposed to have don for him at my instaunce wol spare &c. No more unto you at þis tyme, but Almyghty Jhesu have you in his blissed governaunce to endure.

Your Sone John Colyngrygge.

To my right worshipful Moder, Margaret Makne.

192. H. MAKNEY TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 1478]

The date is not earlier than 1478, since Stonor is a knight. It may belong to the spring of that year, and is placed here in conjunction with the two previous letters. In any case it seems to be earlier than Nos. 275 and 304. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 179.

My specielle gode Maister, y recomand me to youe &c. Sire, my modire hathe [been] with me on Friday laste, and hathe receyved of me xl s. for þe terme of oure ladys day, and nowe y ame here gode sone and alle welle while hit wull endure. She movide me for here suertes

of here paymentes, which [y] promyside here before youe: þen I praede here name þe persons whiche [she would] have bownde: þe she namyde Kydwelly or Harry Dogette, Thomas Latten, Roberte Felde, and Thomas Gossefforde: wheron y have grauntide here to yeve here a answere within iij wekes after Ester. Morovire, y told here þat y wulde departe fro þe place or sete a tenante þerin: þen she questionde me who shulde be my tenante: y sede þat ye were advise to be tenante, with þat ye myzte entrete here for here parlour and þe Chapell: and y suppose þat she wulbe easely entetide, if ye sende be tymes while þe gode wylle lastithe. Wherefore on Tusday nexte comyng shalbe þe honowre day at Wallyngefforde: and yf ye wulde sende to Herry Dogette þat he wulbe þer and make here halfe a promise þat he wulde be a suerte for here paymente, þe he myzte entrete here for þe parlour and Chapell. Also y pray youe remembre þat þe Stuard and John Mathewe myzte be with me on Moneday nexte: ande as for yowr stuffe at Hurley may be broughte to Makney with my cartis, whiche shall carye my litill stuffe, and save youe money and me bothe &c.

Your servaunt H. Makney.

To my speciall gode Maistire Sire William Stonor.

193. SIR WILLIAM STONOR TO JOHN BOUNDY

[after 1477]

John Boundy was "rente gadirer of Hembury" in 1465, and as late as 1478—see vol. ii, pp. 167, 170, below. From *A.C.*, xlv, 131.

Boundy, I grete yow wele. I pray yow delyver my servant, brynger of thys bylle to yow, v. li. or x. marke, yf yt may be, for I must nedes pay yt in that Cuntrey: hyt shalle be alouyd yow of the vode. Remembre me, as [I] may doo for yow: and thys bylle wryt with my hond shalle be your dyscharge of the sum reseyuyd.

Wyllm. Stonore, K.

Endorsed: I payde to Mores Estcort v. l.

To Boundy . . . be this deliverd.

194. BRIAN TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[after 1477]

The writing is different from that of Nos. 249 and 250; it would not therefore be safe to identify the writer with Richard Bryan. The date must be after 1477. As to Daunce see No. 255. From *A.C.*, xlv, 141.

My most worshipfulle and especialle goode maister, after all my dutes doon to your maistership belongyng: sir, it is so when I was with you at London I understode by your maistership, that Daunce had be with you and schoke his money and toke it oute of his purse; and you seid that you wold nott deale with it, but that you wold doo, wh[at] you cowde, to sett it at a goode end; and you seid to hym, I understonde Brian communacacon, I thynk you schalle have no more such of hym. Sir, I beseche you to be my goode maister; and you schalle understonde the uttermoste of my stomake. Syr, make you an end for xx marcs, and more if you may, and rather then to breke the lawe is chargeabulle. I put it in discesyon never of your maistership betwene xli. and xx marc. of your owne servaunt Brian.

To my right wurschipfull and especiall good maister, my maister Sir William Stonor.

195. EDMUND TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[after 1477]

The date cannot be fixed, but it is not earlier than 1478. Edmund is mentioned in No. 303, and is perhaps the Master Edmund of Nos. 257, 284, and 303. From *A.C.*, xlv, 150.

Right reverent and most special gode mayster, with all reverens I commaund me onto your maystership: lyketh it your goodnes to have yn rememberans, at soche tyme as it lykid your maystership to licens me to depart I shewde the cause of my komyng: paraventur more chargeful besynes hath othedraw your mynde, therefore I besech your maystership to have yn consideracion a lytil wilnot quyte at this solempne feest: yn feyth I wold not sende yf I myght odir wyse. Also I beseche your maystership to send me worde, yf ye wille cloth them

yn your lyvere, other I shall purvey for them, and of ther komyng hom. Yf your maystership commaund me, I shalbe with yow before the feest and purvey for my cure, other withyn ij dayes after the feest : it shalbe at your commaundment. I commaund me with all mekenesse and reverens to my moost singuler good lady, Mr. Thomas, and then to the hool house, hom I commit to Goddes governans : he yow ever preserve by his speciall grace, Amen.

Be your scolar Edmundede.

To hys most singler and good mayster Sir William Stonor, Knyght.

196. MICHAEL FIELD TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[*after* 1477]

From *A.C.*, xlvi, 156.

Ryght wyrchepefull Mayster, y recomend me unto your Maysterchype lattyng yow wette þatt I haf recevyt your letter off your servand : and as ffor my schepe, war sold last 3er all þatt ever I myght spare, bott I wyll labor and porway for your maysterchyp as son as I may godly : and bott schepe was never so der with us, and yff 3e myght bye to sum fayr, 3e myght do better : bott we pay iiij marke for a scor : bott I wyll assay qwher eny ys ffor to be sold and þe lest pryse with all for your Maysterchype, and bryng yow word : bott ytt wyll nott be affor Ester, I knaw wele. And as ffor your owxyn, and your fatt schepe, 3e schall hafe þam as son as ever I may : ffor I wyll go þar abowte as fast as I can to plese yow. Nomor, bott ovr lord preserve your Masterchype to hys most plesor. And as for your mony þat your Maysterchype layd down for me, x. s., I send yt be your servand now. Mekell Field.

To my moste wele beloffyd Mayster, Mayster Syr Wyllm. Stonar.

197. HUMPHREY FORSTER TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[after 1477]

This letter is written in the same hand as No. 115, so may safely be assigned to Stonor's uncle, Humphrey Forster the elder. The date must be after 1477. From *A.C.*, xlv, 159.

Ryght worshipfull and entierly wel-beloved Nevew, in my most feythefull wyse I recommaunde me to yowe. And pleaseth yowe to wete þat I entended verreyli to have be with yowe this afternone for suche persones as will be with yowe to be suretees for Joy : but it is so þe wether is suche þat I dare not ryde : wherfor I beseche you to have consideracion to alle the premysses, and þat ye lyke to take surete for þe pore man þat he may goo at large. And also þat ye lyke to wryte a letter to Herry Doget to deliver hym. And Jesu preserve you. In hast this same Saturday.

Your owne H. F.

To my worshipfull Nevew Syr William Stonor, in hast.

198. R. LAVYNDER TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[after 1477]

From *A.C.*, xlv, 176.

Ryght worshypfull Syr and welbelovyd, after commendacion and thankses for yowr kyndenes partly showid afore þis tyme, but mor specialle for tyme comyng : I pray yowr mastreshyppe to remembre me of my hawke by yow to me now of late promysid, for the which y send to yow accordyng to yowr will my servant yn this behalfe, a prest, to whom y pray you to delyver the seide byrd : for as now y dowte not but ye will satisfie my desire, of the which y specyally praye yow as ye shall have my servyce yn tyme comyng for ever, by Goddis grace, to whom I commyt yow, Amen. From Bukyngham yn hast, þe xxv day of Maii.

R. Lavynder.

To his right worshypfull and speciall frend Syr William Stonor, knyght.

199. JOHN, ABBOT OF NORTON TO
SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[after 1477]

The rectory of Pyrton belonged to the Abbey of Norton in Cheshire, which was a house of the Austin Canons. John occurs as abbot in 1498-9 (*Monasticon*, vi. 312-4). From *A.C.*, xlvi, 183.

Ryght wurschypfull and my fulgud Mayster, after all due recommendation to yowe hade: prayng yowe to send me now in my grete necessite by the berer heroff, my servant, your ferme ffor the parsonage of Pyrton, the whyche was due to have ben payd the viij day after the nativite of Saynt John Baptist: wher I had grett mervayll when my brothyr Schanon no mone had so long taryng in London over your promyse, me to grette coste and hym to grett labur: the sayd ferme due xxiiij. li. vj. s. viij. d., never afore this tyme sendyng twyes for hyt. Besykyng yowe now to send hit me by my sayd servant withowte any delay: for truly I had never gretter mestur then I nowe have, as my sayd servant schall infowrme yowr maysterschyppe; to the whyche I beseke yow gyfe credens, ffor at mydsomer I purpos to fette myself the ferme of þe sayt terme, and bryng yowr grewnd and tresyr my hake,¹ with the grace of Good, who have yowe in hys blessyd kepyng to his pleassur and yowre hertes desyre. At Norton the third day of Februar.

Your bedman John, abbot of Norton.

To my wurschypfull and my fulgud mayster, Sir Willm. Stonor of Stonor in the cownte of Oxon, and of the parech of Pirton, be this delyveryt.

200. SIR JOHN WESTON TO SIR WILLIAM
STONOR

[after 1477]

The date cannot be earlier than 1478 as Stonor is a knight. Sir John Weston became Prior of St. John in 1477, he was absent from England from

¹ This seems hopelessly obscure, unless it may mean "your greyhound (grew hound) and Tresyr my hack".

July, 1481, to some time in 1483 (or later, though No. 329 rather implies that he was then at home). The signature is autograph, the body of the letter being written by a secretary. See *Trans. Royal Hist. Soc.*, 3rd Series, x, 160. From *A.C.*, xlv, 200.

Right wurshipfull syr, I commaund me unto you: and for as moch as ther is lykly variaunce to faule betwyxt Syr Thomas More, prest, the which by my presentacion is incombent and parson of Chepyng Ilsay, and a prest of Syr Thomas Vaghan, for certeyn consideracions of which ye be somewhat instructed, and mor largely shalbe infurmed by my Solucitor, Alysaunder Dykys, to whom I pray yow gyff ffaith and credens: and for as moch syr Thomas More and the forsaid prest claym to be parsons of the sayd chyrch by several grauntes therof mad by me, I ther for hertely dissyr and pray yow to kaul the partes afor yow and my said Solucitor and assay yf ye and he kan mak a convenient end bytwyxt tham in exchewyng of the costes and salvation of myn honeste in that byhalve. And whedyr party as ever holdys hym not content at this tym I shal so recompence hym her after, that he shal hold hym content and plessid at the contemplacion of tham that wold have tham preferd in that byhalffe, iff I shuld ber a payn ther for my selff, as God knowes: who graunt yow long to endure in felicite. Wryten at my Maner of Balsall in Warwykshyre the x day of Jull.

Be your owne Syr John Weston, Pryor of Sant Johns.

To the reverent and wurshipfull Syr William Stonor, knyght.

201. JOHN, ABBOT OF ABINGDON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1478]

Since Stonor is a knight the date cannot be earlier than the spring of 1478. The reference to the French expedition of 1475 makes it unlikely that it is much later. John Sante was abbot of Abingdon from 1469 to 1495. The signature alone is autograph. From *A.C.*, xlv, 132.

Ryght worshupfull and welbeloved, I recomaund me unto you. And wher as I understand my fermour of Lewkener was late, att þe kyngyes goyng in to Fraunce, one of the collectors of Oxyford Shere,

it was so that þat your faderys tenaunt and yours by the constabull of his towne was straynyd to pay his dywte, and the seid Constabull possessyd the same straynment &c. Please it you that in all maner maters concernyng my seid fermour ye wuld be good maister, and to shew hym your good maistership, of wich I hertly pray you, as in like wise hereafter I shall demene my selfe towarde your tenantes: and what all reson wuld bynd my seid fermour, he shall do your will and pleasur, praiing you to be his good maister in suche thyngges as he desyryth resonably, wich is my very feithfull trust, that God knoweth, who ever preserve you with prosperite,

Your lover, off Abendon John, Abbot.

To the ryght worshepful Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght.

202. INDENTURE FOR THE SALE OF "THE MOOTE" AT WESTMINSTER

18 FEB. 1478

"The Moote" had belonged to the Stonors since 1334. For its early history see vol. i, p. xvi. There was a suit as to the title to the Manor in the Court of Common Pleas in Trinity Term, 1478 (*Placita de Banco*, Roll 867, m. 457). On 6 August, 1490, Henry VII granted during pleasure to Henry Vaughan "Mote place" in Westminster, purchased of Sir William Stonor by the late Abbot of Abingdon, through whose rebellion it was in the King's hands (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, Henry VII, i, 316). The original of this Indenture is a draft on paper in *Ancient Deeds*, C. 6967.

This indenture made between John Sant, Abbot of the Monastery of oure Lady of Abyngdon in the Counte of Berkshire, Thomas Say of Abyngdon in the same Counte, gentylman, on the one partie, and William Stonour, knyght, on the other partie: wittenessith that where the said William Stonour, by the name of William Stonour of Stoner in the Counte of Oxenfordshire, knyght, ys bounde to the said John Sant and Thomas, and to their assignez in þe Somme of CCC. li. sterlynges by his obligacion of the Statute of the stapull beryng the Date of xvijth day of the Moneth of Februaire and the yere of the Regne of Kyng Edward the fourth the xvijth yere, payabull at the fest of Estur next commynge aftr the date of theez presentez, the said John Sant and

Thomas witten for theym and for their assignez and executours that yef the said William Stonour and his heirez kepe and perfourme the covenantez and condicionz herafter ensuyng, fyrst yef the said William and his heirez make or cause to be made or the fest of Seynt Mychell tharchaungell next commyng after the date of theez presentez a sufficient and a lawfull estate of fee simple in forme of lawe or be recorde, to be made as shalbe avysyd by the counseyll of the said John and Thomas with attendaunce of the said William therin to be had, yn and of the Maner called the Moote in the parishe of Seint Margarete in the town of Westm. in the Counte of Middelsex with all the appurtenancez to the said maner belongynge wythin the said Counte of Middelsex to suche persones and their heirez and assignez as the same John Sant and Thomas and their assignez shallen name and assigne to take and receve suche astate in the said maner with all the appurtenauncez abovesaid, and also all munimentez and dedez of entayll and evidences to be delyvered by the said William or by his heirez to the foresaid John and Thomas or their assignez, towchyng and concernynge the seid Maner with all the appurtenauncez abovesaid, on this sid the said fest of Seint Michell, and also that yef the heirez hereafter commyng of the same William Stonour do not trouble the seid feffez or their assignez by the said John and Thomas to be namyd in fourme aforesaid in and of the maner abovesaid, nor in no parcell therof, that the said obligacion be as voyd and in noon effecte, or ellys stond and abyde in hys strength &c, provyded all wey that this foresaid estate be don and made at the propre costez and chargez of the said John Sant and Thomas Say or by their assignez. In witnessith wherof the partiez abovesaid enterchaungeably haven put their Sealez. Yoven &c.

203. [AN OFFICER OF SIR WILLIAM STONOR]
TO ROBERT WARNER

4 MARCH [1478]

The letter is unsigned, but probably has reference to Warner's indebtedness to Stonor, and is likely to be a little earlier than No. 205. In 1478, 4 March was on a Wednesday, which suits this letter. As to Warner see further Nos. 206 and 215. From *A.C.* xlv, 270.

Trusty and welbeloved, I commaund me unto yow: mervayling gretly that ye have deceyved me so ofte upon the promyse of your feyth and

trowth : for ye knowe well I-now as for the dewte that I askeyt schuld a be payd at Myhelmas was twelmonth som of hit, and at Myhelmas last was the remlent : and whan that I rode to Bristow afore Cristmas ye wold a take me xl. s., and then I wold none take of yow : and that tyme ye seyde I schuld R[eceive] hyt at Walingford all to gedders : and so ye deseveyd me at that tymes : and then ye promysid me fethfully that I schuld a had hit at Candelmas last past : and so upon your promyse I lete that passe tyll that tyme : and so ye deseveyd me at that tyme too, and made me to ryde to yow as I cam to Bristow ward ayen : and then ye promysed me that I schuld have hyt, and so deseveyd me : and at last the charge of me and the auditors schal rest upon your self, for thay will make one of us pay therfore : for thay have so complayned onto my lord ys counseyll, for the which I had lever a geven yow ij tymes the valure there off : for whan that ye departid last, ye told me, the which I am ryzt sore for hit, that hit so happid, and if hit had pleasyd God, the contrary : the which ye most thank God of all, for that is none escuse to your promyse. And if that ye com not to me on Monday at nyzt next, I most com to yow on the Tuysday : for the case requieth so, and therto I wold be ryzth loth, but I can no noder wyse do at this tyme : and that will not be for your ease, nor for myne noder, and therefore I pray yow com or send or that tyme in any wise. No more to yow at þis tyme, but Jhesu have yow in his kepyng. Writen at London the iiij day of Marche : and I wold not for xl. li. for to breke the promyse that I have promysid upon your promyse.

unsigned.

To Robert Warner off Watlyngton, thys letter Be delyvered in hast.

204. DAME ELIZABETH STONOR TO
SIR WILLIAM STONOR

6 MARCH, 1477[-78]

"My lord Lovell" is Francis Lovell. The last clause is autograph. The letter was printed in *Excerpta Historica*, pp. 354-5. From *A.C.*, xlvj, 211.

Jhesu. M. iiij^c lxxvij.

Ryght reverent and worschypfull and interely best belovyde husbonde,
I recomaunde me unto you in the most harteyste wyse hever more

desyryng to here off your goode wellfare, the wyche I pray God longe to contune unto your hartys desyr. Syr, I resayved a tokyn ffrom you by Tawbose, my lorde Lovellys sarvant. And Syr, I have sent my lorde Lovell a tokyn and my ladys, as ye comaunde me to do, schuche as schalle plese them. Syr, ye schalle understonde that þe beschope off Bathe¹ ys browthe in to the Towre syne you departyd. Allso Syr, ye schalle understonde that þe wolde hooys departe, as to morw is, ffor as I understonde: I pray Jhesu by thayr goode spede: and Goodard² departys allso: and I pray you that ye wylle sende me som off your sarvantys and myne to wayte upone me, ffor now I ame ryght bare off sarvantys, and þat ye know well. Syr, I sent you halffe a honder welkys by Gardenar, and I wolde have sent you som hoder desys, but truly I cowde not get none: but and I cane get hony to morow, syr Wylliam salle bryng hyt with hym. Syr, I pray you that I may be recomaunde hyde unto my masterys your moder, and unto all goode ffrendys. No more unto you at thys tym, but þe blesyde Trenyte have you in hys kepyng now and hever. Amen. At London þe vj day off Marche.

Cossen, I was crasyd þat the makyng off thys letter, but I thanke God I am ryght well amendyd, blesyd by Jhesu.

By your owen wyff Elysabeth Stonore.

To my ryght reverent and worschypfull Cosyn, syr Wyllm. Stonor, knyght.

205. THOMAS BETSON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

25 MARCH, 1478

As to Robert Warner see Nos. 203 and 206. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 137.

A^{no} xviii^o.

Right honorable Syr, and my right Synguler good mayster, I recomaunde me unto your good maystershipe. And Syr, yff it lyke you, accordynge to myn promesse unto your maystershipe I mette with my Lady your wyffe at Windsouer, and ffrom thens to London to my symple

¹ Robert Stillington.

² Goddard Oxbryge.

power I helppid to conveye hir. And Syr, by the waye we were ryht mery, thankyd be God, and so with his mercy we mene here to be mery ffor the season that my lady is here: and whanne your maystershype is redy to come hidder wardes we here shall so welcome you that the season of your abydyng shall nat be noysom, with Godes grace. Also syr, Robert Warner of Watlyngton is departid and gone home: truly he is an untrew man of his promesse: it is well done ye call sharply uppon hym, or elles it wilbe longe or ye have your money off him. Your maystershipe knoweth best what ye have to doo. Syr, thannyd be God, my lady is ryht mery and in hele off body, our Lord preserve her, and all we your servauntes resonable mery, as the world reqwyereth here, and I know well many off us wysche ffast to Stonor agayn by cause off a substaunce, and I ffor my season, the which is ryht longe, as me semes, God Almyghty knowithe all: I say no more, but our blyssed Lord spede you att Wyndsouer in your matters and elles where. At London, on our Lady day in the nyght, when I deme ye were in your bedde, ffor my nyne smerttyd, so God help me,

By your servaunt T. Betson.

To my ryht synguler good mayster Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght.

206. WALTER HERNE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[29 MARCH 1478]

This seems to be earlier than No. 215 and so to be dated 1478. Walter Herne of Tetbury made his will on 8 May, 1485, proved on 30 Nov., 1485 (*P.C.C.*, 18 Logge). From *A.C.*, xlv, 173.

Right honourable and my Right Worschipfull Maistryr, with all my service to yow y me recommaund as lowly and hertly as y canne: and if ye be remembrid, y spake with your Maistryrschip at London for John Shepewasshe of Whatelyngton for a tenement that y have there, þat he holdyth of me: and y undyrstode þat tyme by your Maistryrschip that ye were his very good Maister and owid hym your good wyll, and for þat cause and the rather for youre desyre and instaunce y have schewid hym the bettyr will, and grauntid to hym for terme of yeres my seid tenement &c. Wherefor now y wolle desyre and pray your good

Mais[tyr]shippe¹ to be the bettyr Maistyr to hym for my sake and prayer. And if ther be any service þat [y] may do for yow or any of yours, hit schalbe redy att your comaundement at all tymes, and knowyth God, whoo have yow in his tuiission. At Tettebury un lowe Sonday.

Your owne in all maner and servaunt Watyr Herne.

To the Right honorable and my speciall Maystyr, Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght.

207. THOMAS BETSON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

16 APRIL 1478

This was written on a Thursday. So Monday next was 20 April. From *A.C.*, xlvī, 138.

Jhesus. A^{no} xvij^o

Right honorable Syr and my right synguler good mayster, I recom-mend me unto your good maystershippe. And, syr, this same nyght I ress[ayved] a bill from your maystershippe, by the which I undyrstond þat you have sent me ij capons: and syr, þe same ij capons I have ress[ayved] by the caryer Gardener, and they be right good: truly ffor the which I thanke your maystershippe hertely for your kyndely remem-braunce, ffor with your maystershippe I am nat forgettyn I ffynd, and so all way, and I praye God reward you. Syr, I toke ij capons, but þei wer nat the best, as ye counseled me by your letter to take, and in deed to saye the trouthe I coud nat be sufferyd. My lady your wiffe is reson-ably stronge waxhid, the good lord be thankyd: and she tooke hir will in that matter lyke as she doyth in all oþer. I dare nat wryte you the trouth till you come home, the which we deme shalbe on Setterday next with Godes grace, who ever preserve your right worshipful person in longe helth and vertu to his plesour. At London, the xvj day of Apprell.

Your servant T. Betson.

Syr, I wold have written you som tidynges but I know none as yit þat be trew, save we intend here, with Godes grace, to begynne shippyng on Monday next. Syr, John Saye is deed, our lord have mercy upon his soull.

To my righte worshipful mayster, Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght, soyt dd.

¹ "tyr" omitted in the original.

208. DAME ELIZABETH STONOR TO
SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? MAY 1478]

No. 215 shows that Sir William Stonor had been ill in May, 1478, so that this year seems probable in spite of the fact that Stonor is not addressed as a knight; but in her earlier letters Elizabeth Stonor always addresses her husband as Squire, so that the address is in any case peculiar. Richard Blakhall's account—see p. 168 below—shows that Lady Stonor was away from home in the early part of May, 1478. The references to the Fenns and Stepney point to a date rather later than No. 183. Barnwell may be Thomas Barnwell, fishmonger, who occurs in 1485 (*Letter-Book*, L., 219). Sir Harry Fenn was a clerk in holy orders and brother of John Fenn (*P.C.C.*, 17 Wattys). The original is very imperfect. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 210*.

. . . þerto [a] sponefull . . . half a nottemegge in powder, and drynke hem togeddyrs and ye shall with Godes grace fflynde greate ease þerin. I marvell that ye wold not send ffor noþinge to helpe you after your fallynge: be my trouth I knew not þeroff till now by your writynge, and yff I had knowen it I wold not have bene mery, nor nomore I am not, nor shall not till I see you, the which by my good will shalbe shortly assone as I can make anend. My tarynge is now ffor to have my dedes here off London and Stepynhith seelid by syr Harry Fenne, Barnewell and Wallesse. Barnewell is not in towne: he will be here shortly, and I trust to speke off all þinges in that matter with godes grace. Syr Harry Fenne and Fyncham be resonably well keelyd: þei be not so hoothe as they were: and yet they wilbe better hereafter I dowte not. And I praye you hartely gentill [1]offynge husbond to be mery and take in conseyte with you in your . . . ease . . . with [go]des grace it shall as lyghtly p[ass] as it come and trewly . . .

To my most worshipfull and best beloved husband William Stonor.

209. INDENTURE FOR GOODS TO BE
DELIVERED BY WILLIAM SOMER

14 MAY 1478

From *Ancient Deeds*, C. 2288.

This endenture, writtyn the xiiij day of May A° xviii, witnessith þat William Somer, bargeman of Quenehith, hath Receyvdyd of my maister

Sir William Stonor, knyght, þis stuff ffolowyng to be delyvered at Henley upon Tamyse.

Ffurst delyv. to þe said William Somer a Butte of Rumney.

Item. iij pypis and a hoggeshede of Rede and claret wyne.

Item. xxxj salt fyshis.

Item. xv stock fyshis.

Item. ij herynges barell and a ffyrkyn with salt.

Item. a basket with glasse.

Item. a ij wykyrd baskettes with Bowlys lokyd.

210. EDMOND NEWMAN TO RICHARD WARNER

[*date uncertain*]

It is not clear that this is a Stonor Letter, but it is of interest as illustrating the barge traffic between London and Henley. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 264.

Ryght trusty ffrend, I comand me to you: lettyng you wet þat 3e shall resseyve of John Somer þe elder j but off Romeny pris iiij. li. Item j but j pipe of Red wyn pris iij. li. For the which I trust to God 3e shall con me thanks. Item 3e most pay ffor the cost xvij. d. No mor to you, but Jhesu kepe you. Wreten at London þe vj day off Aprell.

By your ffrend Edmond Newman.

To Rycharð Warner of Watlyngton be this delyveryd.

211. THOMAS BETSON TO DAME ELIZABETH STONOR.

17 MAY 1478.

Betsen writes on Trinity Sunday, so had arrived at Calais on the previous day, and was going to the Mart on 22nd May. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 235.

Jhesus An^o xvij^o.

Right honorable and my Synguler good lady, with due reverens as is accordynge I recommaund me unto your good ladyshipe. And

fferpermore lyketh it yowre good ladyshipe to know that on trenyte evyne last passed I come unto Cales: and I thankke þe good lord hartely I had a ffull fare passege, and the bettyr I know well it was throw your good prayers, off the which, iff y durst be so bold, I wille beseche your ladyshipe off countenewance, and I to my power shall remembre your good ladyshipe with all your loffers dayly amonges my poure prayers, off the whiche, yff they be good and acceptable unto God, my mayster your husband, your good ladyshipe, with all your children I beseche him hartely ye may have parte: and I beseche almyghty Jhesu to send your good ladyshipe as comfortable helthe and wellfare at Stonor or elles where as ever ye had in eny place to Godes plesour. And good madame, I beseche your good ladyshipe to remembre my Cossen Katteryn of all such matters as I spake unto your ladyshipe off at many dyverse tymes, as ye know: I remembre hir ffull off, God know it: I dremyd ones she was xxx wynter off age; and whanne I woyke I wyschyd she had bene but xx: and so by lykelyod I am soner lyke to have my wysche þan my dreme, the whych I beseche all myghty Jhesu hartely may be whanne it shall plese hym. Also good madame, and it lyke you to wete, as on Friday next after Corpus Christi day¹ I intend unto the marte wardes, our blissid lorde be my spede and helpe me þer and send me good payment off all oure dettours. And I beseche your ladyshipe to recommaund me unto my mayster your husbaund. And I praye þe good lord to send me good tidynges ffrom you bothe and ffrom all youre. Writen at Cales the xvij day off Maii, An^o. ut supra.

Be your ffeythfull servaunt, Thomas Betson.

And I send your ladyshipe a token here inclosed, the which youre ladishipe knowith right well.

At my commynge ffrom the marte, with Godes grace, your ladyshipe shall have more wrytynge ffrom me how I have spedd, and in lyke wyse my mayster your husbaund: and our blissid lord Jhesu Christ preserve you bothe in honour and worshiþe vertuosly to contenew to Godes plesour, and also to send you good and proffitable counsell and grace to doo þer after: this is and shalbe my prayer for sothe every daye: your honour and worshiþe off contenewaunce here after stykkythe as nye myn hart as dothe eny freind, man or oþer about you, be my trouthe, our blissid lord so helpe me. I will avyse you, madame, to remembre large expensez and be ware of them, and in lyke wyse my mayster your husbaund: it is well done ye remembre hym off them ffor

¹ Corpus Christi Day was the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, i.e. in 1478 21 May.

dyverse consederacions, as ye know bothe right well. And our blissid lord be your comfforther and help in all your good workes, Amen.

To þe right honorable and my right Synguler good lady, Dame Elsa-beth Stonore, this letter be delyvered in hast.

212. THOMAS BETSON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

17 MAY, 1478

From *A.C.*, xlvi, 139.

Jhesu. An^o xvij^o.

Right honorable and worshipfull Syr, I recommaunde me unto your good maystershippe in the mooste convenyent wyse I best can or maye: and fferþermore, Syr, lykethe it you to wete that on trenyte evynne I came to Cales, and thankid be þe good lord I hade a ffull ffare passege: and, syr, with Godes myght I intend as on Frydaye next to depart to the marte wardes. I beseche the good lord to be my spede and helpe me in all my warkes. And, syr, I truste to Godes mercy, yff the world be mery here, to doo som whatt that shalbe bothe to your profette and mynne. As yit þer comethe but ffew merchantes here: here after with Godes grace þer will come moo. I shall lese no tyme whanne the season shall come, I promytte you. And, syr, I beseche you þat this symple writynge may have me recommendid unto my lady your wiffe. And I beseche the good lord to send you bothe good helthe and vertuouse lyffynge, þerin longe to endewre to Godes plesour. And also, syr, I beseche you to be my good mayster and ffeythfull loffer, as ever here to ffore to my knowlege I have ffoundyn you. And, syr, I trust to God as ffor my parte so to indeavour me ffor your maystershippe þat with Godes grace bothe ye and my lady your wiffe shall well undyrstond and know that I loffe bothe your worshipes, and your profett, and so it shall prove in dede with Godes helpe. And, syr, whanne I come ffrom the marte I shall send you word off all matters by the mercy off our lord, who ever preserve your right worshipfull person in longe helth and vertu, Amen. ffrom Cales the xvij day off May. Be your servaunt
Thomas Betson.

To my right honorable and Synguler good mayster syr Willm. Stonor, knyght, this letter be delyvered in hast.

213. GODARD OXBRYGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

21 MAY, 1478

As to Davy Wrixam see No. 167. And as to the money due to Oxbryge see No. 216. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 185.

Right onerabulle and worschipefull sir, and myn aspesyalle good maister, I rekomend me unto your good mastership in the moste lowely wise that I beste can: sertefyng your mastershepe that I ame informyd by master Betson that Dave Wrykesame hathe reportyd sarten langage by me in presens of my lady and on of her brodiryn: and that is thus, that the seyde Daveht shold saye, that I told heme that maister Betson schold tell me that he laboryd to your maistership and to my lady to brynge the seyde Davyht owte of your conseythe and favore: the whyche I take god to rekord that I never at no sesun repordid enny shyche wordys to the seyde Davethe, nor to nonodir person, and that wyll I jostify as largely as enny trewe person owythe for to jostify for a trowthe. And wan Mayster Betson told me of this langege that Dawyth repordyd by me, it came to my remembrance that Daveth hathe sayd to me that maister Betson at Ester was a twelmonthe was srevyn off hys goostly fadir, and that it was geven heme in penanse that he shold aske the seyde Davyth forgivenes of this that maister Betson schold make labor to your mastership to brynge the seyde Daveth owte of your conseyt and favore. And fardirmore, the seyde Davythe sayd to me that maister Betson kowd nat have absolysyon of hys goostly fadir tyll he had promysyd to brynge the sayde Dave in your favor as myche as he was before. And thys seyde words Davyth hathe sayd to me, the whyche maister Betson kene tell you more klerly by myn enformemasyon. And Sir, I beseche your maistership to delyver to John Burton the moneye the whyche is dewe to me by your maistershepe: the money amonthe to the Summa x. li.: wherof I resevyd of my lady at my departyng xl. s.: and so the reste is viij. li. st. The whiche I beseche your maistership to delyver to Burton: for I have wrytten to heme wher he shall paye the seyde money: the whyche payment I promysyd to pay ther, as I borowid it lenge or thys tyme: wherfore I beseche your maistership to remember me as sone as it shalle please you. And I beseche your maistership to take no gret displeasure in me

of my necligens that I have not wrytten to your maistershype before thys tyme: and yef I kowd a don your maisterschype anny plesure of or servyse with my wrytting, I wold a wrettun to you before thys tyme: and yef ther be anye servyse that I kan do to your mastership here in tyme to kome, yef it please you to let me wette, it schalle be don without anny delaye, and that knowyth God, whoo have you, Right worschipfull Sir, in hys blessyd kepynge, Amen. At Cales, the xxj daye of May, A^o lxxviii.

By your Servante Godard Oxenbryge.

To þe Right onerabull and worschipfull, and myn aspesyall god maister Stonore soyt d.d.

214. VALUATION OF LANDS AT HENLEY

[1478?]

The purpose of this valuation is not clear, but it may have relation to two suits for trespass which Sir William Stonor, Richard Page, and John Matthew brought against Margaret Fyssher of Henley, widow, and Thomas Pratte of Henley, yeoman, in Trinity Term, 1478 (*Coram Rege Roll*, 868, m. 43). The dispute with Pratt was as to the possession of Le Boull in the High Street of Henley, which he claimed was his own property. Pratt was accused of having broken the close of the complainants there on 10 May. There was another suit against him at the same time for breaking a close of Sir W. Stonor at Stonor on 1 May (*ibid.*, Roll 869, mm. 48, 77; see also *Placita de Banco*, Roll 867, m. 253, Trinity 1478). In any case the date of the valuation cannot be earlier than 1478, since Stonor is a knight. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 27.

Memorandum þat Phelip Fischer was in possession and his dowther aftir hym in Henley, his howne place, in valewr, xxvj. s. viij. d. And a howsse þat Andrew Baker holdith valewer be yer clere xij. s. iiij. d. And a iij. gersners worth be yer xv. s. clere. Also at the brigge fote a howse valewr viij s. Also at Grenelane the watir and ij tenentrys xij. s. iiij. d. be yere clere. Also in Falley xl. acres of herabill lond, ij acris of wode and a grove, the valewre I understond nat. Also in Remnam a lece ys cald the more, with a plott by the same valewr xij. s. iiij. d. Also j. acre di. in the Bine, valewr xvij d. Also be Movellis Hille j acre di, valewr xij. s. Al this forseyde lond Philippe Fischer hokeypyd. The

Summe in al vj Markes, x. s. viij. d., withowt More. Also the londes þat Thomas Pratt holdith, first his howne place cald the Bole, valewr by yere xl. s. Also a howsse þat William Masam holdith, valewr be yere, xvj. s. clere. Also in Remnam the Dene with Sinartis spetill valewr by yere xj. s. clere. Summe of al iij. li. vij. s. Summe of bothe londs as undirstond clere vij li. xvij. s. viij d.

This ys the passellis as I undirstonde þat William Fischer bargaynyd with Colingrige: first the water at Grenelane and the ij howsses and the howsse þat Mergrete Fischer dewellit in and the acir di. at Morvellishill. I wete nat but uppon William Fischer and Colingrigg.

Also there is a croft calde Balde Winys croftis þat Thomas Prattes fadir leyde yt to morgage for xx. li.

endorsed.

Phelypp Fescher. syr W. Stonore.

215. WALTER HERNE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

11 JUNE [1478]

The date cannot be earlier than 1478 as Stonor is a knight. Other references to Warner's financial troubles make this year probable, see Nos. 203, 205-6 and 226. John Twynho occurs as Recorder of Bristol in 1478 (Ricart's *Kalendar*, p. xxiv). From *A.C.*, xlvi, 174.

Ryght honorable and ryght worshipfull Maistir, with all my servyse to you I me recommaunde as louly as I can, letyng your Maistirshepe wete that I have recevyde a letter fro you by your servaunt Morice Escourt for a place in Watlyngton of myn, that Roberte Warner toke of me by the yere and was my tenaunt, and aftyr that the same Roberte and I ware in a bargeyn and concludyd that the seyde Roberte sholde have the seyde place to hym and to his heires appon the condicion he paide and contente me as he and I ware agreide: whareoff he kepthe no poyntment, for I sholde have xl markes in hande and thereof I hadde no peny not by a yere after: and he to pay me yerely v marke for my rente into the tyme that I was contente and payde of the hoole somme that he and I was fully agreyde off. And as for certeyn reparacion that was don by hym, was at my charge: for he toke hitt uppe of his rente that he sholde have payde me &c. Syr, and hyt pleasyde your

Maystyrshepe I spake to you of this mater in Westmyster Halle, and your Maystyrshepe seyde to me that ye wolde nott have to do with hytt in no wyse: and ther I moyde your Maystyrshepe that oon Shepewesshe hadde be with me to take the place of me for certeyn termys, and seyde to me that he trystyde ye ware hys specyall goode Maystyr: and I seyde to hym that I wolde owe hym the better wyll for your sake. And thus I enformyde your Maystyrshepe in Westmyster Halle. And (as)¹ ye answeyrd me ayen that then he ware in goode case. And after that Shepewesshe came by me fro Brystowe, and toke a place of me for yeres. And the rathir for your sake I grauntyd hym. And thereof I sende you a letter. Syr, your Maystyrshepe nott dyspleasyde (*sic*) that where ye write that I sholde promyse your Maystyrshepe to receyve the money of the bargeyn that was betwene Roberte and me at resonable dayes: fforsothe he nothyr I comenyde never of no soche mater, nothir ye spake to me nothing thereof for the seyde Roberte, nothir no nothir man in hys name were nevyr feffyde ne sesyde on the seyde place. Syr, I have be Godes presoner and kepthe my bedde and my chamber thys iiij wekes and more trystyng to God to rekyver whan hyt pleasith hym. Wherefor I hertyly desire and praie your Maystyrshepe that my tenaunt Shepewesshe may be sufferyde in reste and peas to occupy my p[lace] acordyng to the covenaut that I have made with hym into [such t]yme that Maystyr Twenyho the Recorder of Brystow and I may comyne with you of this mater, whiche shal nott be longe by [the] grace of God: for he and other persones stonde ffeffyde and seasyde in the place as well as I. And as for Shepewesshe, he seyde never to me that he [was] nevyr your manyall man nothir servaunt, but he seyde to me he trystyde ye ware his good Maystyr at all tymys. And yiff hyt lykyde your [good] maystyrshepe, I praie you to yeve credence to your servaunt Moryce Estcourt, the berer hereoff. And Almyghty God have you and all yours in hys . . . on. Wretyn at Tettbury the xj day of June.

Your owne in all man & servaunt Watyr Herne.

To my ryght honorable and my specyall goode Maystyr, Syr Wylliam Stonore, knyght.

¹ "As" marked for omission.

216. THOMAS BETSON TO DAME
ELIZABETH STONOR

18 JUNE 1478

As to Oxbrigge's money see No. 213. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 236.Jhesus. An^o xviii^o.

Ryht honorable and my ryht synguler good lady, I recomaund me unto your good ladyschipe in the mooste lowlyest wyse that I best can or may, ever more desiryng to here and know off your wellfare, the whiche I beseche almyghty Jhesu to preserve and kepe to his plesour and to your mooste hartes desyre. And sferþer more, liketh it your good ladyschipe to wete that this same daye I come to London. And at my commynge home it was told me how that my mayster your husband had bene verry sore seeke: the which I know well hath not bene to your hartes comfforte, nor also to the comfforte of your howsold: off the whiche ffor sothe I am right sorry. Nevertheles I undyrstond seth by dyverse his maystershipe is right well amendid and well recovered: off the which truly I am right joyffull and glad. And I beseche Almyghty Jhesu send hym als vertuous helth as I wold have myselff, and your good ladyshipe also. And yff I cowde do eny thyng here that myght be to hys plesour and youres, I wold I knew it and it shuld be done withouten ffayll. Truly your discomfforth is nat myn comffort, God knowith it. Nevertheles your ladyschipe muste cause hym to be mery, and off glade chere, and to put awaye all ffantasyes and unthryfty thoughtes that comes no good off but onely hurtffull. A man may hurt hymselff by ryotouse meanes; it is good to be ware. Good madame, I besech you to be off good chere, and I praye God comfforte you and send you vertuous helth. And also I besech you to remembre my Cossen Kateryn. I wold she did well, God knowithe it, and ye deme, as I trowe, yff I had fflownd hir at home here my comfforte shuld have bene the more: but I thannke God off all: my payn is the more: I muste nedes suffer as I have done in tymes past, and so will I do ffor Godes sayke and hers. I send my mayster a dossen quayles to ete: I praye God they may do hym good to God ward, and all them that ete of them. I can send your ladyschipe no deyntees: I am but now comen home. And our blissid Lord preserve your good ladishipe in vertu ever. Amen. At London the xviii day off June.

Your servaunt T. Betson.

Madaym, Goddard Oxbryge recommaundes hym unto your ladyschipe and prayethe you that ye wold woochsaveffe to speke to my mayster your husband ffor his money. He desyred me to wryte ffore it: it is well done þat it be so paied ffor dyverse causes: a Cossen of his shuld have it to pay it þer as he owith it. And our blissid Lord be with you, ever, ever, ever, Amen.

To my Right worshipfull and Synguler good lady, dame Elisabeth Stonor, at Stonor this be delyvered.

217. THOMAS BETSON TO DAME ELIZABETH STONOR

24 JUNE 1478

The original is damaged and in places illegible; some of the missing words have been restored (in brackets) conjecturally. "My lady your mother" is Margaret, widow of John Croke; her title is one of courtesy only. From *A.C.*, xlvi., 237.

Jhesus. A^o xviiij.

Moste honorable and worshipfull and my right spescyall good lady, I recommaund me unto your good ladyshipe in the moste loffynge wyse that I best can or may, ever more desyryng almyghty God to send your ladyschipe all good helth and well to fare, as ever had good gentillwoman in this world, to Godes plesour and your hartes comffort: and moreover lyketh it your good ladishipe to understonde that this same day by my Master your br[other John] Croke I resseyved a letter ffrom you, and a token, ffor the which with all . . . nes off myn hart I thanke your ladyschipe, and off your contenevall . . . kyndely loffe, the which all wayes ffull largely your good [ladyschipe] shewith unto me, and off myn part as yet nothyng desservid unto you nor to youres. But I trust in þe mercy off our Lord to remembre hit here after, and so am I bowndyn to do, to your pleasour, so God helpe me. Also, madam, and it lyke you, I undyrstond by your writynge that it will be the latter end off Auguste or your ladishipe can come here to London; and yff it so shuld be I wold be sory, ffor I have mych to do and I can lytill skyll to do eny thyng that longeth to the matter ye wote off. Nevertheles yff my mayster your husband and you be so agreed I hold me plesid: it shalbe to me peynfull but I muste and shall [content], aswel as I may, my selff: I shall do lyke blynde byar, that is to

s[ay . . .] what, and þefore I moste beseche your ladyshipe to send me [your avyse ?] how I shall be demeyned in such thynges as schall belonge unto my Cossen Kateryn, and how I shall provyde ffor them : she must have gyrdilles, iij at the leyst, and how they shalbe made I know nat : and many oþer thynges she muste have, ye know well what they be, in ffeyzth I know nat : be my trouth I wold it were done, lever thanne more þan it shall cost. I am lothe to displese or to troble eny person, yff I shuld be holpen forwardes in my besynes now, I wold it were done with a corage and with good will, [it] shall make me the gladder a grete dele. Also, madam, þeras your ladishipe desy[reth me] to come to Stonor to make me mery &c. : in good feizth, madam, [my besynes is] such now I can nat well come to myn ease : I have grete besynes [with] the ffelishype off the Stapell, and I have mych to do with myn owne mat[ers] . . . so that in good ffeyth I can nat make an end lyghtly. And yet God wote I wold ffyll ffayn speke with your ladishipe ffor the matters afforsaid, and as sone as I have made an end off my maters I shall nat longe be ffrom you, with Godes grace. And as ffor the sendynge hedyr off my Cossen Kateryn, your ladyshipe may do þerin as it shall plesse you. I wold she knew as mych as you know, ffor soth and than she shuld doo som good and helpe me in many thynges w[han] she come. My lady, your modyr, is in good helthe and ffareth well, and she s[endeth] you Godes blissyng and hers, and lyke wyse my Cossen Kateryn, and to all. . . .

[*In dorso.*] Also my lady, your modyr, recomaundith hir [hartely] to my mayster your husband, and she is very glad of his recovere, and she prayeth God to send hym good helth. Also, madam, as ye wryte me the curtesse delynge off my mayster with my Cossen Kateryn &c., truly I am very glade þeroff, and I pray God hartely thanneke hym þerffore : ffor he hath ever ben loffyngly disposed [unto] hir, and so I beseche God ever conteneu hym and also my Cossen Kateryn to [de]serve it unto hym by hir goodly demeynour and womanly disposition, as she can do right well yff hir lyst, and so sayth every body þat prayseth hir. Also, madam, maystres Bevesse recomaunds hir unto your ladishipe, and prayeth har[tely ffor] your good helthe. And I [hartely] beseche almyghty Jhesu and his blissid modyr to be your comfort, and to helpe you in all your good workes, Amen. [Wryten at London] the xxiiij day of June

Be your owne Servant Thomas Betson.

To my right worshipful good lady, dame Elisabeth Stonor, this be delivered in hast.

218. THOMAS BETSON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

24 JUNE 1478

From *A.C.*, xlvi, 140.Jhesus. A^{no} xviii^o.

Right honorable and worshipfull Sir, and my right synguler good mayster, I recommand me unto your good maystershippe in the mooste loffyngest wyse þat my hart can thynne, be my trouthe: thankynge your maystershippe right hartely off your curtesse and loffyng letter, the which I have resseyvid by my M. your brodyr John Croke. And in the same letter I undyrstond by the worshipfull reporte off your maystershippe the havyors off my Cussen Kateryn unto you, to my lady your wiffe and to all oþer &c.: and truly it is to me right joyffull and comfortable gladnes so to here off hir, and I besech our blissid lord ever to preserve hir in all vertu and good lyffynge to his plesour, and to reward your maystershippe with hevене at your endynge ffor your good disposicion to hir wardes in good exortacions gyffynge: and þat I wote well off old, or elles truly she coud nat be off that disposicion vertuuous and goodly, hir youthe remembrid and consederyd. And sir, þus as it hath lykid your maystershippe to commaunde me to come unto Stonor to se my best beloved &c, and also to make me mery, unto the which your maystershippe saith I shall be hartly welcume, and so my lady, your wiffe, affermes the same as ye wryte it: Right worshipfull sir, I know it ffull well off old, ffor so I have ffull oftyn tymes preve it and nat gretely off me deservid, but God knowith myn hart and myn entent what I intend to my power and ever hath done: and sir, I besech your maystershippe to pardone me ffor a whyle and to hold me excused, and as sone as I can I shall cumme and se your wellfare. I thyng¹ longe, so God help me, till I come, but be my trouthe my labour and besynes is such and will be a whyle, þat I can nat as yit with myn ease cum: and þerffore Sir, I besech you now to helpe me and to be my good mayster and excuse me, þer as your maystershippe shall thynne best. And sir, in good ffeyth I am verry glad that my lady is so well amendid off hir helth, and in lyke wyse the children. I besech God ffor his

¹ thynke.

mercy and our blissid lady to send your maystershippe and all youre as well to ffare as I wold myn owneselff, and to preserve you in vertuous lyffynge, and also to send you sad remembraunce off all good begynnynge, and þan with owte dowte ye shall make with Godes helpe a worshipfull endynge to Godes plesour and to þe honour and worshiþe off all them þat loffe you hartely. Sir, I am to bold thus to wryte, but God knowith myn hart, and som whattes I am infformed off the towardnes off your good disposicion, what ye intend : I shall dayly praye hartely to God to be your good spede in all your such proffyttable workes : yff ye conteneu your intent ye shall be glad þerof or this day iij yere. I ffare lyke a sory pyper, whanne I begynne I can nat leve : but yit ones agayn our blissid Lord be your sped and your helpe. Le xxiiij jour de Juyn.

Be your servant Thomas Betson.

[*In dorso*] Sir, Remembre your maystershippe well, what ye have written off my Cossen Kateryn, truly I shall whanne I speke with hir tell hir every word, and yff I ffynd the contrarye our vycar here, so God helpe me, shall crye owte upon h[ir] within this x wekes and lesse, and by that tyme I shall be redy in every poy[nt] with Godes grace, and so I wold she were, ffor sothe ye may beleve me off it.

To the right hōnorable and my right spesycall good mayster, Sir William Stonor, knyght, soyt dd.

219. EDMOND HAMPDEN TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? JULY, 1478]

This clearly relates to the same incident as No. 220, in which case the most likely date is in the early part of July, 1478—see note on next letter. As to Harry Gorton see No. 240. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 167.

Ryght worchypffull Cossyn, I recomand me unto zow. And, Syr, I have hard say that ze schold be infformyd to take dysplessuyr with a servant off myne in Whecombe. Syr, and he hathe offendyd zow in eny point I scall put him under no manys correccion but zowris : but for the infformacion off hym that I here say schold infforme zow, I pray zow, Syr, to be hys good master. Also I here say that he shold show

3ow that my servant schold take owte of his hows v. li. : and yt can be prevyd, he scall abyd the otermost of the lawe : but I trow hyt well be fford ffor evyll wyll : but and 3e take no dysplesuyr, Syr, I wold avisse Hary Gorton to kepe hys tong ther, and be prevyd on hym a worsse talle then thys, or ellys say 3e that I ham ffauls. Moreover I hard say hyt schold plesse 3ow to calle hym a theffe : by my trowthe I know hym for none, nor by my wyll I wolke kepe none. I have merveyle that hyt wolke plesse suche a worchyppfull man as 3e are to sclander eny powyr man so for suche a dobbull manys wordes as Hary Gorton ys : I scall preve affore hym that he dothe 3ow more dyswoychyp then good serveyce. Cossyn, I and all myne scall do 3ow serveyce ; and I trust to do 3ow better serveyce in on owyr then yt scall ley in hys powyr to do all the dayys off hys lyve : and that scall I be reportyd in the same towne that he dewlyt in : and he wher nott 3owr servant he wold welle know that hys dellyng wher nott good, that in schorte space : hyt ys ffor 3owr sake and not ffor hys owne that he ys ffavoured so long. No more to 3ow at thys tyme, but I beseche all myty Jhesu to preserve 3ow and all 3owrys. By 3owrs to hys powyr Edmond Hampden.

To my Cossyn, Syr Wyllm. Stoner.

220. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

7 JULY [? 1478]

This letter clearly belongs to the same time as Nos. 219 and 221. Since Stonor is a knight the date cannot be earlier than 1478. Otherwise the only clue to the date is the statement in this letter that the King was to be at Windsor on 8 July, and was going thence to Nottingham. Edward IV was at Nottingham in 1478, 1481, and 1482. In 1482 he went north at the end of May—see No. 313—and during July was in Kent—3rd, Manor of Knoll, 7th and 8th, Canterbury, 9th to 18th, Dover (*Chancery Warrants*, Series I, File 882). In 1481 he seems to have been at Southwell on 28th June to 5th July, and at Scrooby on 13th to 19th July (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, iii, 279-80). The *Chancery Warrants* (for Privy Seals) do not give clear evidence for movements in July, 1481, which year the evidence of the Patent Rolls makes unlikely. If the year is 1481 there is the further difficulty that Stonor must have married his third wife within two months of the death of his second. In 1478 Edward IV was at Greenwich from 2nd to 6th July, was perhaps in

London on the 7th and 8th, was at Ditton on 12th and 13th, Windsor on 15th to 18th, Berkhamstead on 20th, Higham Ferrers on 26th, and Nottingham on 7th August (*Chancery Warrants*, Series I, File 866). In No. 247 and all subsequent letters Page addresses Stonor as "knight for the King's body"; he does not do so in this letter nor in No. 221, an omission which suggests that they were earlier than 1479. So on the whole 1478 seems to be the most likely date, but the point is of no great importance. The Chamberlain is William Hastings. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 186.

I recommaunde me to youre good mastership in my best maner : besechyng of you this pore byll may recommaunde me to my synguler good lady, my lady your wif, as your servaunt and hirres. Syr, wher ye write on to me y shold take an accion in the kynges name ayenst on of Wycomb for cuitying down and fellyng of certen treys, y have taken an accion redy, and y shall send you the writte. Syr, ye wrote to me in your letter that ye hadde seasid certen corne, whiche was regratyd and forstallid from the comen marketes to the grete hurt of the Comen peple. Syr, me semys by my lernyng ye may not sease not none maner cornes in suche case and put thaym under arest : and if ye have don, yt wold be well don to se thaym delyveryd ayen in manerly forme : it is inquerable at the Cessons of pees and in every lete and fraunchise of regrators and forstallers of all maner of vitaill, and, if it be presentid, to make a fyne therfor : but it is not the maner ne the care of the law to sease none forstallid ne regratyd vitaill. I remit the delyng with the delyver-aunce hereof to your discreson : but y wold not ye confessid your self to thaym that ye have mys don in that case : but honestly take a promys of thaym [that]¹ thay shall not dele so herafter, and for this thay have don thay may be indited, and let thaym have deliveraunce of thaire cornys. The Kyng purposeth as to morow to be at Wendesor, and from thens to Notyngham. My lord Chamberleyn rides to morue hame to Leycestre. Other news ben ther non her. I pray God send you as well to fare as your hert can thynk. Writen at London on seint Thomas ys day with the honde of your aune

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To my master syr Willm. Stonor, knyght, be this deliveryd.

¹ that omitted in MS.

221. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 12 JULY, 1478]

As to the probable year see Note on the previous letter. Relic Sunday was the Sunday after St. Thomas the Martyr, and in 1478 fell on 12 July. "Your cosyn Hamden" is clearly Edmond Hampden the writer of No. 219. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 187.

Right singuler good master, I recommaunde me to you, praying the same this byll may recommaunde me to my lady, your wif. Syr, your cosyn Hamden and my mastres, his wiff, have be with me, shewyng that your plesyr shold be ther shold no proces go ayenst Willm. Est of Wycombe, for whiche y kepe the writ in my handes till unto the tyme y understond what y shall do and how y shalbe demeanid: they bothe full manerly entretid me herein, shewyng me your plesyr in the same without whiche ther shalbe no favour shewid in my behalve. He is a courtes gentelman and your kynsman, and my mastres, his wif, a worshipfull woman, and so thay demenyd thaym in this mater not to do ne to attempt no thyng to youre displesyr, whiche is to be remembrid. I remitt this to yow, for as ye woll have it demenid so shall it be. And thus fare ye well with all my hert. Writen at London on relic Sondag with the honde of your

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To my master, Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght.

222. THOMAS HENHAM TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

16 JULY 1478

"Mistress Hane" is Anne Ryche, Lady Stonor's daughter: see No. 224. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 171.

Jhesu. A^{no} lxxviii.

Ryght Reverent and worshypfull mayster, I recommaunde me unto your goode maystershype, ever more desyryng to here off your goode wellfare, þe wyche I be-sche Jhesu longe to continue unto your hartys

desyre. And ffordere more, Syr, your maystershype shall understonde that ther hys shyppe towarde unto Calys in your name, Syr Wyllm. Stonor, knythe, and Thomas Betson, in the Jhesu off London, John Lolyngton mayster under God, Summa ij^m iiij C. xlvij Cottis felles. Forder more your mayster schalle understonde that I sende dow[n]e by John Talbose, your sarvaynte: Itm. your demy gowne off chamelet; Itm. your demy gowne off blake pewke lynde with grene wellffete; truste in a shete. Forder more, Syr, ye shall understonde that masterys Hane hys well amendyde, blesyde by Jhesu, and hys in goode hallthe. Forder more, Syr, your maystershype shall understonde that the hale brewer callys apone me dayly sore ffore monay, the wyche I have wretyn unto your maysterschype affor tyme, the Somma ys v. li. and hode monay, the wyche he besekys your maysterschype that he mythe have some monay in hande unto the tyme that your maysterschype come unto London. All so, Syr, I beseke your maysterschype þat ye wylle remember your brede baker at London, ffor he callys apone me daylle ffor monay, the wyche some hys xxxv. s. and iiij d. No more unto your maysterschype at thys tyme, butt all mythy Jhesu have you in hys keepyng. Wretyn at London the xvj day off Jullii.

By your prentes Thomas Henham.

Unto my Rygh honorable and myne in spesyale goode Mayster Syr Willm. Stonor, Knyght, In þe maner at Stonor thys be delyvered. dd.

223. THOMAS HOWLAKE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

24 JULY 1478

It does not seem possible to explain the whole of Howlake's transactions; no doubt there were some things which would have been obvious to his employer but are obscure to us. A comparison with Nos. 2 and 41 in the *Cely Papers* gives a partial clue. The first figures (xl., xxxij., xxxvij., and j) are the numbers of the serplars (see No. 159 above). Each serplar contained $2\frac{1}{2}$ sacks (ss. di.) with a number of odd cloves. A clove contained 7 lb., and there were 52 cloves to the sack. So the total weight would be 10 sacks + 149 cloves, or 12 sacks 45 cloves; the total weight clear is given, however, as only $11\frac{1}{2}$ sacks 14 cloves. From the Cely Account it appears that in selling a rebate was allowed. In the Cely Account (No. 41) the rebate was 2 cloves on the sack, and fractions of less than half a sack were disregarded; but

(perhaps as compensation) the rebate on the last serplar was 4 cloves, though it only contained 1 sack 18 cloves. In Howlake's account the total rebate was apparently 57 cloves; if we calculate it at $4\frac{1}{2}$ cloves the sack and disregard resulting fractions of cloves, the rebate on the first serplar was 15 cloves, and on each of the others 14, giving the total of 57. This explains the "poyse". The price of $11\frac{1}{2}$ sacks 14 cloves at 19 marks the sack should be £149 1s. 6d., not £147 12s. 8d.; possibly there was a reduction in respect of a broken sack; or it may be that this is the "more respyte" to which Howlake refers. The value in sterling money agrees with the value in Flemish (£180 8s. 9g.), if one-third is taken at 25s. 4g. Flemish for £1 sterling, and the rest at 24s. It is therefore clear that Howlake when he wrote "viij s. g. fl." meant only 8 shillings Flemish. The "g" presumably means "groot"; but it is clear that if so there were, as calculated, 12 groots to the shilling; for on this basis the three bills exactly make up £180 8s. 9d. Flemish.

Peter van de Rade and Danyell van de Rade, merchants of Bruges, appear in the *Cely Papers* (Nos. 2 and 10). Dr. John Coke was employed in July, 1478, to treat with Thomas de Plana, the representative of Maximilian and Mary of Burgundy "super Intercursu ac communicatione Mercansie necnon Piscatione super mare," and to arrive at a settlement of all commercial grievances between England and Flanders. As a result a treaty was concluded on 12 July; to the treaty there were annexed documents dealing with the complaints of the Merchants of the Staple, fixing Ordinances for the Staple at Calais and providing for the inspection of the wool-trade there (*Foedera*, xii, 66-86). "Thursday last" was 23 July, the day before Howlake wrote his letter, so that news of what had been done at Bruges could hardly have reached Calais. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 175.

Jhesu A^{no} xvij^o.

Ryght reverent and worchipfull Syr, I recommaund me unto your good maisterchip in the most lowly wyse I best can or may &c. Fyrdremore, Syr, please yt your maysterchip to wyt þat now latly I have made a salle, þe whiche follewyth.

The xxij day in July I sold to Peter Vanderade and Danyell Vanderad off Bruges iiij serplars ffynne Cottes wolle ffor xix marcs le sacc, and to take ffor the thyrd part off the holle summa ffor every/L. st. xxv. s. iiij. g. fl.¹ and for the rest ffor every vj. s. viij. d. st. viij. s. g. fl.

xl. ss. di. xliij cl.	} poyse xj. sacc. di. xiiij. cl.
xxxij. ss. di. xxxix. cl.	
xxxvij. ss. di. xxxiiij. cl.	
j. ss. di. xxxij. cl.	
	} Summa cxlvij. l. xij. s. viij. d. st.
	} Valethe fl. ciiij ^{xx} . li. viij. s. ix. g.

¹ Sc. flemming.

Item ffor pt. (*payment*) off the same :

R. off the forseid Danyell a byll payable at the syg3th :

Summa lxij. li. vj. s. vij. g.

Item. R. off the same a byll payable the xxij day in Janyver next :

Summa lix. li. xiiij. g.

Item. R. off the same a byll payable the xxij day in July next after
pat : Summa lix. li. xiiij. g.

Syr, and please you, as ffor the ffor seyde merchaunttes þat have bought your wolle be as good as eny þat came out off Flaundrys, and ffor þat I have shewed theme the more flavor and gevyn theme the more respyte off þat. And as ffor the land, I truste God, shaldo ryght welle nowe þat the trewse ys taken : and doctyr Coke ys come ffrome the Dewke off Borgon to Calez, and seyethe by promese of the dewke to hym made that the ffl. goldys shalbe set down and have course lyke as they had in the Sympson int' a yere : the whiche, doctyr Coke seyethe, shold have benne donne a Thorseday þat last was at Bruges, but yet we here nothyng þer off : but þat same donne þat the merchauntes myght come to Calez with þe mone to be pd. without losse, yt is thought þer wold be gret ffett ; and the same knowythe our lord, whome I bysyche ever to preserve your Ryght worshipfull Maysterchip. Wrettyt at Calez the xxiiij day'in July.

Be your lowly servaunt daylly to my symple power, Thos. Howlok.

To my right honorable and worchipfull mayster, Syr Wylliam Stonor, knyght and merchaunt of þe Stapull at Calez.

224. THOMAS BETSON TO DAME ELIZABETH STONOR

31 JULY, 1478

"My lady Stokker" is Elizabeth Stonor's sister Margaret, wife of Sir William Stocker. "My cousin Anne" is Lady Stonor's daughter Anne Ryche, whose illness is referred to in No. 222. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 238.

The enclosure has been separated from the letter and is now *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 28. It would seem that Betson arrived at the total of £12 6s. 8d. which he gives in the Letter by charging £2 6s. 8d. for the pipe of red wine and omitting his own costs of 1s. 4d.

Jhesus. A^o xviii

Right honorable and my right synguler good lady, I recommaund me unto your good ladischipe. And, Madam, yff it lyke you, seth I come home to London I mette with my lady, your modyr, and God wote she made me right sulleyne chere with hir countenaunce whyles I was with hir: me thought it longe till I was departid. She brayke unto me of old ffernyeres, and spescially she brayke to me off the tayll I told hir betwene the vicar þat was and hir: she said the vicar never ffared well seth, he tooke it so mych to hart. I told hire a lyght answeere ageyn, and so I departid ffrom hir. I had no joye to tary with hir. She is a ffyn mery woman, but ye shall nat know it nor yit ffynd it, nor none of youres by that I se in her. Modyr mydwiffe told me þat nowdyr my lady your modyr, my lady Stoker, nor hir husbaund come ones to se my cossen Anne sethe she come to hir, nor yet axse ones how she ffared, and yff my lady, your modyr, mete my cossen Anne she will say no more but "Godes blissynge have ye and myne," and so goo hir waye fforthe as thow she had no joye off hir. Whanne ye come to London I shall tell you more. My cossen Anne hath bene with me here at home, and she is hole and right well amendid and as a woman shulde be, þer is no fawte, our blissid lord be thannkdy and his blissid modyr. Good Madam, by the next at comes lett hir have all hir clothes, she hath nede unto them, and that knowith owre lord, who ever preserve you, Madam, and all yours in longe helth and vertu to his plesour. At London the last day off Juyll, A^{no} supra.

Be your servaunt Thomas Betson.

Jentil Madam, I beseche you that I may be recomaundid unto my cossen, your doughter Kateryn, and our lord be with you both. Also, Madam, yff it lyke you, I have bene with my brodyr, John Betson, ffor money, and be my trouth I can none have off hym, he hath shewid me that my Mayster your husbaund and ye owe hym ffor dyverse wyne, Summa xij. li. vj. s. viij. d., as by the parcells herin closed more clerelyar it appereth, the which parcellles my brodyr saith that þei be trew. Wherefore, good Madam, I beseche you to speke unto my mayster, to the intent I myght have the money here as shortly as can be. I muste pay to John Tate vj li. for þe felles that I have shippid now, and to Whyte of Bradway I muste pay iiij li., and I muste pay to the porters and oþer for costes xl s. And so God save my soull I have it nat. I will nat be so bare agayn of money a good whyle, with Godes grace. It was the best dett I saw in his booke, so God help me, and þerffore I tooke

it over unto me ffor payment, and I hold me plesed with all. Jhesu preserve you ever, Amen.

To my right honorable and Synguler good lady, Dame Elysabeth Stonor soyt. dd.

This is the Copie of my brodrys bill.

Fyrst delyvered unto my master Stonor : j. h.¹ whyte wyne and j. h. Rede wyne the xj day off Discembre An^o xvj^o by Thomas Meryke my servaunt, and the same wyne was delyvered unto Goddard Oxbryge, my servaunt, price :—iij. li. vj. s. viij. d.

Itm., sold by my wyffe unto my lady Stonor j. pipa of Rede wyne : ffor the whiche my lady muste make the price as it plesithe hir ffor I yave my wiffe no noþer price but after viij marcs the tonn. Summa—

Itm., I delyvered unto my mayster hym selffe, the whiche went to Stonor, j. h. Rede wyne, by the same token my mayster merkyd anoþer hogeshede wyne in to Frydaye strete price off bothe :—iij. li. vj. s. viij. d.

Itm., for a but off Romney to Stonor now off late, price : iij. li. vj. s. viij. d.

Itm., paid for the costes of the ij. h. wyne þat my brodyr Thomas Betson sent to Stonor, Summa xvj. d.

Summa —.

225. THOMAS HENHAM TO DAME ELIZABETH STONOR

1 AUGUST, 1478

As to William Somer see No. 209. "Maysterys Hane" is Anne Riche, see Nos. 222 and 224. From *A.C.*, xlii, 240.

Jhesu. An^o. xvij

Right Reverent and worschypfull lady, I recomaunde me unto your goode ladyschyp, evermore desyring ffor to her off your goode wellfare, the wyche I besche Jhesu longe to continue unto your hartys desyre &c. Fordermore, lady, ye schalle understonde that I have sent downe by William Somer, bargemane of London, your beme and ij calys, the

¹ Presumably for "hogshead".

wyche I wrothe a bylle unto William Platys off that he schulde resayve yt at Hendelay and so conevey yt unto Stonor. Fordermore, lady, ye schalle understonde that maysterys Hane, your dowter, ys all moste hole, thankyd by Jhesu, and sche hys very mery. All so, lady, I beseke your goode ladyschype that I mythe have cnowlage whedir that ye wolledede have hany bere or hale, that I schulde take in ayenst your comyng home unto London. No more unto your ladyschype at thys tyme but Jhesu have you in hys keepyng. Wretyn at London the ffyrst day of Agust.

By your prentes Thomas Henham.

Unto my Ryght Reverent and Worschypfull dame Elysabeth Stonor thys letter be delyvered in hast, dd.

226. DAME ELIZABETH STONOR TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[21 AUGUST, 1478]

We know from No. 217 that Lady Stonor intended to be in London in the latter part of August, 1478, and from No. 225 that she was expected to come to London shortly on 1 August. So that year seems to be certain. The reference to Robert Warner also points to 1478, see Nos. 203 and 206. From *A.C.*, xlv, 213.

Jhesus.

Ryght enterly and my moste specyall beloved husband, I recomaunde me to yow yn the moste harty wyse, desyryng to here of yowre welefare &c., thankyng yow of yowre lettyr and of yowre partrechys. And for Robert Warner, he ys cum to towne: dyverce of yowre servantys and myne have spoken with hym: he seyeth that he can receyve no money as yet, notwithstandyng he yntendyth to speke with me or he departe, and wyll content me yef he may. I pray God that he may so do. Also I pray yow to send me a answere of the mater that I wrote to yow for the Lumbarde. And yef hyt myght plese yow to take the labur to ryde ovyr, then ye may answere to the mater yowre selfe, whyche wyll be to me grete hartes ese and plesure: for I thynke hyt ryght longe syth I speke with yow. Syr, I truste to Jhesu to se yow here yn shorte

tyme. No more to yow at thys tyme, [but] Jhesu preserve yow yn hys kepyng. Wrytyn at Lundun the Fryday afore sent Bartylmewys day.

By your owne wyff Elysabeth Stonore.

To my most enterly belovyd husband Syr Wylliam Stonore, knyght.

227. WAX AND TAPERS SUPPLIED TO DAME ELIZABETH STONOR

SEPT. 1478.

The bill is from Feb. 1477 till Sept. 1478. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 29.

Thise ensuyng bene the parcelles which my lady Stonor oweth unto Margarete Whitby of London, widue, that is to say :

First, delivered to hir use the viijth day of Feverer in the xvjth yere of the Reigne of Kyng Edward the iiijth, ij torches of wex weyng ij lb. quarter and di., pris the lb. viij. d. Summa, xix. d. Item, the xvth day of March for a Roll of a quarteron, ij. d. Item, for a Taper against Ester in the xvijth yere, weyng v. lb., for the makyng v. d., and iij. quarters and di. wast vij. d. Summa, xiiij. d. Item, against Midsomer in the same yere vij tapers with the florysshyng, weyng xiiij lb. iij quarters and di., the makyng and the wast, iij. s. iij. d. Item, for a Garland of Wex, j. d. Item, the xxixth day of August for a mesure of wex, j. d. Item, for iij branches of wex for the mynde of maister Fen, and iij half lb. Tapers with the florysshyng, weyng togidre xx^{ti} lb. and quarteron, the makyng, iij. s. iij. d. It., wasted of the same braunches vij lb. and quarteron, pris ij. s. j. d. ob. Item, the xvijth day of Septembre in small Candell, ob. It., upon Alhalow Eve for a Taper of a lb. before Seynt Anne, pris, vj. d. Item, against the feste of Candelmas a Taper of a quarteron, and ij Tapers, every Taper j. d., and an ob. Candell, pris, iij. d. It., at the same feste for a Roll, white and grene, weyng a lb., pris, xvij. d. Item, for the mynd of maister Fen the iij^{de} day of Septembre, iij branches of wex with iij half lb. tapers and florysshyng, weyng togidre xxvj. lb. and di., the makyng therof vj. s., wasted of all iij lb. xvij. d. Summa, vij. s. vj. d.

Summa totalis, xxj. s. vj. d.

228. RENTS OF SIR WILLIAM STONOR

MICHAELMAS, 1478.

From *Ministers Accounts* 1250/6, P.R.O.

ABSTRACT. Watlyngton: "ys worth by yer," £36. 9. 11.; fees to William Lentall and others, £8. 13. 4. Redyng: £14. 17. 11; fees to Dogett and others, £4. 19. 0. Stonor: —with, £4. 13. 4 for Mulseux, £3 for "demeyn lond," £5 for Tonys, and £2 for the New Inne—£39. 12. 10.; fees, £2. 13. 4. Burghwardescote, £36; annuity of Anne Kidwely, £23. 6. 8. Henly: "ys worth by yer over the court," £20. Hernhill, Doughton, £12. 3. 8. Ermynton, "worth to ferme," £56. Horton, £53. 6. 8. "Summa totalis of the valeus of the manors above writton" £268. 11. 0. "Wherof yn fees and annuite above writton," £39. 12. 4. Fees: of Walter Elmes £2, Henry Parson, £2. 13. 4, Richard Page, £3. 6. 8, Christopher Holand, £3. 6. 8; total, £50. 19. 0 "So remayneth," £217. 12. 0. "Item londes late purchased in Henley, Fally, and Remenham," £3. 4. 10. Total clear value, £220. 16. 10.

Endorsed is an account of arrears at Watlyngton, Stonor and Redyng to Michaelmas, 1478.

229. DAME ELIZABETH STONOR TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

5 OCTOBER, 1478

As 5th October, 1478, was on a Monday "my ffadyr's deryge" was on the previous day. John Croke made his will on 26th September, 1477 (proved 19th November 1477), presumably he died on 4th October of that year. "My broder Stoker" is Sir William Stocker. Betson has been married since No. 217, perhaps in August. This letter was printed in *Excerpta Historica*, 355. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 212.

Jhesu. Anº xviiiº

Right best and hartely well beloved husbond, I recommaund me unto you with all myn hart, lettynge you wete that I am right well amendid, I thankke god þeroff: and on Sonday last past I was at the

chirche at my ffadyrs deryge, and soppid with my modyr the same nyght. And Syr, yeff I had ones done my pilgramages I reke nat how sone I were with you at Stonor: and perffore, gentyll Syr, I praye you þat ye ffayll nat to send me myn horsse on Settyrday next. And also I praye you to remembre the matter I spake to you off at your departynge: ffor with owte that, I can nat with your worshiþe and myn depart London: ffor Cobbe call apon me dayly ffor money, and the bere wyffe with oper, as I told you. And also I praye you to remembre my sonne Betson: ffor he hath mych a doo with money now, and he trustith veraly to your promesse: ffor Godes sake, syr, lett hym nat be forgotten. My modyr and my broodyr Stoker recomaunde hem both right hartely unto you: and ffull ffayn they wold þat ye had bene here, yff it myght have bene your ease. And as ffor me I wold nat that ye were here, ye know it well enowgh: neverthelesse ffor soth what som ever I wryte I wold I were at Stonor: ffor truly I am veray wery off London, ffor my son Betson intendes to ryde in to the countre, now whenne I come home: and he is ffast ryggynge hym þer ffore, so that at many tymes I am post a loyne, and that causeth me to thynnke the more ellynger: and perffore, good syr, remembre myn horsse on Setterday with owte ffawte. My son Betson and his wiffe recomaunde them unto you: and he told me that he hath bought here in London seth ye departed v. sacces Cottres. ffor a part redy money and the rest at mydsomer next: I undyrstond it is a good bargayn. God lenne grace, who preserve you ever in vertu and longe helth to Godes plesour. The v day off Octobre.

By your ovne wyff D. Elysabeth Stonore.

Unto Ryght Reverent and worschyppefull Cosyn Syr Wyllm. Stonor, knyght, in the manor at Stonor, thys letter be delyverd. dd.

230. LORD STRANGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

6 OCTOBER [1478]

Since Stonor is a knight the date cannot be earlier than 1478. It is not likely to be later, since John, Lord Strange of Knockin, died on 16 October, 1479 (Inquisition ap. *Black Books of Lincoln's Inn*, iv, 275). John Strange must be meant, for his daughter's husband, George Stanley, was not summoned as Lord Strange till 15 Nov. 1482; this letter was written before

Richard III became King. The signature is autograph, written in elongated minuscules. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 214.

Sir, I have resseyved your wrytynge, by the whiche I understond þat towchith your cost, at Tame. Syr, and I had not bene wyse I had lost my labour and cost, which was C. marcs, and yf ye had bene there and hit had cost xx. li. ye schuld have peid no peny : and as for my graunt of a fee I wold ye thought yf ye do me servyce, as the wrytinge is, I woll dele more largely with yow, but I woll not be ovirmastred with none of my feed men : notwithstanding, at this tyme I have done for yow of my voluntary send yow xls., and Cottysmore alowed xxs. Also I have assynged Hary Makeny xlvj. s. viij. d. þat I had of yow, and betwene this and Ester I woll and desyre þat ye nor Cottysmore distreyne not nor throwble my tenautes no more : and betwene this and the next half yere I woll þat ye both se me and yf ye dele as ye owght I wolbe your goode lorde, and eke I dare better displese yow than ye me : and as for the ferme I woll do nothings withowte my lorde of Gloucester, and I trust in all thinge he woll defend me and my tenautes, and I am frendid so to help my self : and as for Hary Makeney, I woll he be with me the next weke &c. ; yf ye cheryche my tenautes, I woll cherysch you &c. Wryten at my Manere of Colham the vj day of Octobre.

STRAUNGE.

To Sir Wyllm. Stonor, knyght, this be delyvered.

231. HENRY DOGETT TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

24 DEC. [? 1478]

The year is later than 1477, but it cannot be fixed with certainty ; though it is not likely to be the same as that of No. 256. As to the cup see the next letter. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 145.

Ryght worshepful and my goode and feithfull maister, after dew recomendacion pleasith yow to wete þat my clerke and your servaunte have been at Abendon with the vicar of Seynt Elyns to have leverey of your cuppe, and offurred hym x. li. acording to your writeyng : and he

answered them that he wold not deliver the said cuppe with owte the bille indented þat is made bytwene yow be brought upon the deliveraunce: and to have sewrete for the residew of the money to be paid at Candelmas next. I remitte all to your maistershep and wyse-dome. The said x. li. shall be redy at eny tyme that ye like, havynge fro your maistershep a writeyng to be content ayen by Ester next comynge. And God preserve yow, my good lady, your wyfe, and all yours. At Aston, a Cristemas yewe with the hand of your servaunt

Henry Dogett.

To my maister, Syr Willm. Stonore, knyght.

232. WILLIAM HERWARD TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? JAN. 1479]

This is a little later than the previous letter. Herward was vicar of St. Helen's, Abingdon. From *A.C.*, xlv, 247.

Maister Stonor, I recomende to you, mervelynge that ye wryte me with any poynt of strayngenesse syn tyme þat I have fulfylled your poyntment in your letters as touchyng to þe money lent for suche days as ye desyred and longer, and as the poyntment last taken, when my servant Stephen Hosyer was with youe, I aggreed, but when Harry Dokettes servantes came to me þer was noon obligacion, and by cause þer off I supposed þat þey came not as sufficiently instructe in your appoyntment, but now I have delyverd your cuppe safe and sownde to your servantes, Thomas Matthew and William Belsun, and have receyvd of them x. lib. for halfe my due and an obligacion of x. lib. for þe remynant: but I trust in your Maistership of a shorter day of payment, for I borrowed xx marcs of the same money: and þowe ye be patron of Bruscode, I understande þat well and pray for you dayly, but I laste a benyface better to me þan þat is, for þe-gret desyre of Maister Thomas Forster; therfor I pray you accepte not me as a stranger, for I can do as good service as som oþer. Valete in domino per Willm. Herward, capellanum vestrum.

To his worshipfull maister Syr William¹ Stonor Kny.

¹ "Syr William" has been inserted and cannot be read very clearly; but Stonor was certainly a knight at this time.

233. ACCOUNT BOOK OF ELIZABETH STONOR

1478-79.

A small paper book of forty leaves formerly in a parchment cover, much damaged by damp. Only twenty-five leaves have any writing on them; and these are not continuous. It was apparently kept by Christopher Holand; all the entries belong to 1478-79. Some typical entries are given. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, vii.

f. 1. Elysabeth Stonore.

Item, payd to a man for cleft wode iij days and a halfe day, v. d.

It., payed on sant Caterenys day for iij axys, prese a pes ix. d., ij. s. iij. d.

f. 2. It., payd to Serle for iij wekys wages, xvij. d. It., payd to Gardener the iiij day of Decembe for vij day makynge of candell, ij. s. iij. d. It., payd the same day for a dosen of candell weke, iij. s. It., payd to the smythe of Henley for a loke for the porche cha[m]ber, vj. d. It., payd for a cope for the caponys on candelmas yenne, vj. d. It., for the expences at Henley for Herry Dener wen þat my lade wasse wet my mastres her moder, xij. d.

f. 3. It., payd the xj day of Maye to Welleam Somor ffor the careage of a peyepe of wenne layede at Henley, xx. d.

f. 7. Beyt rememberet þat Christoffor Holland, Serffaunde to my master Syr Welleam Stonnor, Rec. of Rechart Leston¹ the ffermor of Hourton, v. li. It., Rec. of the melner of Hourton, vj. li. xv. s.

f. 16. The expence in whet fro the fferst day of August the xvij yerre of the Renne of Kyng Ewade the iiijth on the ix. day of November the same yerre, xxvj quarters. It., spend in malte fro sayd fferst day on the ix day of November xxxiiij quarters. It., spend in beyffe doureng the same tyme, vij.

f. 18. The expences and proviseon of the hosse holde off Stonner ffro the first day off August the xvij yerre of the Renne of Kyng E. the iiijth as foloys. fferst payd the iiij day off August for egges, iij d. It., for bouter the same day, ij d. Fryday: It., payd the weke foloyng for egges and bouter, vj. d. It., for mostarde and apont ij. d. It., for wet for formete, ij. d.

f. 19. It., payd the fryday the xxij day off October for salt ffysche and

¹ See No. 247.

salt samon, and gonger and frysche ij. s. It., payd the fryday after oure derecacon day for a quarter off fresche samon, xij. d. Md. that my lady, dame Elizabeth Stonor and Christofer Holland have rekened and accompted for thexpens of the houshold fro the first day of August unto the ix day of November A^o E. iiiij^{ti} xviiij^o. And the said Christofer is contented and payed of the same unto the said ix day of Novembr.

Elysabeth Stonore.

f. 22. The expences for crestemuds. Ferst bout the Thourys day afor crestemuds xviiij gesse, vj. s. ix. d. It., the same day a dosen caponys iiiij. s. iiij. d. It., the same day vj dosen larkys, xij. d. It., ij dosen settes, and gret berdys, xij. d. It., vj plofferys, vj. d. It., vj. woddekoks xv. d. It., payd to Couffentre on the more for iiiij gesse and ij caponys, ij. s. It., payd the same day to John Yongys weffe and to Blake of Wattelengton ffor egges, ij. s. iiiij. d. It., paid the Wednysday ffoloyng for ij dosen chekynys, ij. s. It., ffor iiiij caponys, xvj. d. It., payd the Thourys day ffoloyng ffor di. a porke, xxij. d.

f. 23. It., on the xij day for porke, xij. d. . . . It., the fryday after the xij day for ij^c oyster and a gornarde, ij. s.

f. 24. Februar. It., payd at London the iiiij day of Februari (*A long account of purchases totalling £8. 3. 0 principal items are*: for ij barell herreng, xxij. s. ; for iiij cayde herreng, xij. s. ; for di C. aberdynne xxvj. s. viij. d. ; for sourt of ffrouth viij. s. iiiij. d. ; for a sake for the same ffrouth, xij. d. ; for viij bonches of garleke, ij. s. ; to ij porterys for the careage of the same stoffe to the barge, xij. d. It., for warffeage, j. d. ; for ij li. and di. of suger, ij. s. iiij. d. ; for di. li. genger, xij. d.

f. 25. It., for a thourbage, vij. d. It., for iiij pec. of greine pessen, x. d. The xij day of Marche. It., for ij^c oyster, iiiij. d. It., for a bochell of moscalleys, vj. d.

f. 26. Apryll. For thourbout, xij. d. It., for choudeysheyde, iiij. d. It., for a lambe, xij. d. It., for a dosen pechonys, v. d.

f. 30. It., payd to Abere for the makyng of xx quarters malt, viij. s. iiiij. d. It., payd to Wenne on messomor yeve for a trout and elleys, ix. d. For the brengyng of ij sengnett fro my lorde of Sotheffolke, xj. d.

f. 32. [21st August]. It., payd to John Matheu for fyesche þat he payd wen þat I wasse in Kent, xix. d.

f. 33. [October]. It., for roches bout at Oxynffor be my masters commandement, xix. d.

f. 34. [November]. It., payd the man of Wattelengton for v day makyng of candell, xx. d.

Summa totalis expensorum liij. li. ix. s. xj. d. ob.

f. 40. It., payd for a peype of wette wenne bout at Reydynd, xxxvj. s. x. d. It., for a peype of reyde wenne, xlvj. s. viij. d. It., for bastarde, xiiij. s. It., for Henr. Dener, viij. d. It. for hourssemet x d. It., for the careage of reyde wenne fro London, iij. s. iiij. d. Summa v. li. ij. s. iiij. d.

234. SHOEMAKER'S BILL TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1478-79]

The reference to "my ladys chyldyrn" shows that this was in the time of the first lady Stonor. Gatton was a ward of Sir W. Stonor (see No. 156); so also some of the other persons named may have been wards. There is another shoemaker's bill (*Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 31), but it is much mutilated. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 30.

M. William Stonor, knyght. In primis to my [ma]yster hymself xv [. . . price the pey]re vij. d., summa, viij. s. ix. d. Item, to þe same a peyre of long botews to the kne, price, xvj. d. It., to þe same a peyre of botys dytyng, xij. d. It., to my lady ij peyre schoys, and ij peyre of galegys, price of all, xx. d. It., to my ladys gentylwoman a peyre schoys, iiij. d. It., to my ladys chyldyrn, xvij peyre, price of all the peyrys, iij. s. It., to mayster Vynys¹ sone iiij peyre, price, xij. d. It., to mayster Humpton sone v peyre, price xv. d. It., to M. Gatton xvij peyre, price iij. s. ix. d. It., to M. Gyls Wellysborn, iij peyre, xvij. d. It., to your chyld of your chambyr viij peyre, ij. s. viij. d. It., to þe same a peyre of botys, price, xx. d. It., to þe same a peyre of botewys, price, viij. d. It., to Blakehall, your chylde, xix peyre, price þe peyre v. d., summa of all, vij. s. xj. d. It., to Chowne of þe stabyll xx^{iv} peyre, price þe peyre iiij. d., summa of all, viij. s. iiij. d. It., to William Hypworth a peyre of botys by your commawndement, price, ij. s. viij. d. It., to Chowne a peyre of botys, price, xvj. d. It., to þe chylde of þe botery viij peyre, price þe peyre iiij. d., summa of all, ij. s. iiij. d.

Summa totalis, lj. s. vj. d.

¹ i.e. Fenns = Hugh Fenn.

235. BILL FOR CLOTH SUPPLIED TO JOHN BARANTYNE AND SIR WILLIAM STONOR

1478-79

The earlier items seem to be for Mary Barantyne (see No. 294), so that Sir W. Stonor may have had some liability. "Peldelyon" (? peau de lion) is clearly a trimming; "cham medly" is probably chamlet. The words "your sone" must presumably mean Elizabeth Stonor's son John, who was at this time a boy not more than ten years old. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 32.

Md. Johanni Barantyne et Syr Wyllm. Stonor knyght plege Septembr. a^o xviiij^o r[egni] Regis Ed. iiiij^{ti}.

Item, v yerdes of tany the ffyrst day for yow and for my mastres, at vj. s :— xxx. s.

It., iiij yerdes of Russet for my mastres, at vj. s :— xviiij. s.

It., a yerd and quarter peldelyon for yow, dyt tyme, at iiij. s. iiij. d. :—
iiij. s.

It., ij yerdes and quarter of bran¹ medly for your meyny, dyt tyme, at iiij. s :— vj. s. ix. d.

It., ij yerdes and quarter of pwyke delyveryd to Syr. Wyllm. Staveley at v. s. iiiij. d. :— xij. s.

It., a yerd of cham medly for a chyld of yours at iiij. s.

To be paid at Allhaloutyd nexste commyng : summa totalis iiij. li. xiiij. s. ix. d.

Syr Wyllm. Stonor. knyght, Dessember a^o r[egni] xviiij Regis E. iiiij.

It., iiij yerdes and quarter of Russet for your Maystershepe and for your sone the iiij^d day the yerd vij. s. vj. d. :— xxiiij. iiij d. ob.

It., iiij yerdes of murrey þat Wyllm. Harbar haad þe xxiij day May a^o xix., at vj. s. viij. d. :— xx. s.

Summa xliiij. s. iiiij d. ob.

236. THOMAS HAMPTON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

2 JAN. [? 1479]

As Stonor is a knight the most likely year is 1479. Since Stonor had a wife alive 1480 would be impossible. The writer is Thomas Hampton or

¹ Brown.

Hampden of Kimble, see Nos. 65, 67. Stonor's kinswoman may be his sister Elizabeth. For Waller see No. 320. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 168.

Ryht worshypfull and feythfully lovyng Cosyn, I recomaunde unto you. Syr, I was enformed by my sone Froste that hit lyked you upon cominicacon had between you and Waller that ye lete hym understonde in brefe termes, yef hym lyked the mariage between your kynneswoman and hym, that he shold make hyr joyntour of xx^{ti}. li. worth londe acordyng to hys owne promyse, and elles ye lete hym understonde he shold no farther enter in cominicacon in the mater: and when he understode your decre and jugement, he was therto agreeable. Syr, I understonde he entendeth to be with me in ij days after the xijth day. Syr, me thought by informacion of my sone Froste that he entendeth in most hasty wyse to be married: wherfor me semyth, savyng your better advyse, that hit ys me to desyre of hym to be bounden and sum persons with hym, that he shall be Ester day then next folowyng do make hyr suer of hyr joyntour. Syr, that hit may plesse you to lemyte me in what sum I may desyr them to be bounden yn, I pray send me word by my servaunt, the brynger of thys letter, and how longe ye entend to be aboute home efter the xijth tyde. And good syr, that thys my sympyll wrytyng may recommaund me to my good Cosyn, my lady your wyfe, and Jhesu preserve you. Wryten in hast at Oldstoke the ij day of Januer,

By your owne Thomas Hampton.

To my Right worshypfull Cosyn, Syr William Stonor, be this letter delivered.

237. DAME ELIZABETH STONOR TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

26 MARCH [1479]

Since Sir William Stonor is a knight, the date cannot be earlier than 1478. From No. 205 it appears that Lady Stonor went to London on 25th March, 1478, so that 1479 is the only possible year. "Lovel's daughters" may be the children of William Lovel, Lord Morley, who died in 1476; his son Henry, died in 1489 and was succeeded by his sister Alice; in No. 282 there is reference to an Agnes Lovell, apparently a ward of Stonor. Thomas Stedolfe was a Justice in Eyre in the service of Elizabeth Woodville in 1477 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, Edw. IV, iii, 52). From *A.C.*, xlvi, 210.

My best beloved housbond, I recommaunde me unto you in my moost herty wyse, desyring to her of your welfare, and trusted verayly to have had you at home on our Lady day by night : yf ye had be, I wold have trusted ye shuld had the warde and possession of Lovels doughters or this, for whoom Stodolf, the quenes attourney, rodde on Tuesday last all night towards the Kinges grace. And yf ye wol spede you home to speke with hym at his comyng I doubte nat but ye shal have the oon at the leste, for I undrestand þay be not wardes neyþer to the King nor quene : praying you þefore to spede you home, for undrestand he wolbe with Bryan to night or to morow without fayle. Also for all suche Stiwardships ye wrotte unto me for, thay wer graunted a way in his lyf tyme or he discessed. As for the Stewardship of Henley, I canne nat tell wheþer it be goo or noo : wherfore Vyne shal ryde according to your commaundement. Syr, I thanke you hertyly for your veneson þat ye wrotte to me to receyve : how be it as yet I have nat receyved. Over þis the parson of Falley discessed yorsterday in the mornyng, and þe parson of Hamelden, and Syr William, prest þere, be executours. No more unto you at this tyme, but the holy Trynyte preserve you. Wryten at Stonor, whan I wold fayne have sleped, þe morow after our Lady day in þe mornyng. Syr, I send you your botes and your cloke, for þer hath be a wete weder here syth ye departed.

By your owne wyff Elysabeth Stonore.

To my best beloved housbond Sir William Stonor, Knyght.

238. GRANT OF AN ANNUITY TO WILLIAM HATTECLYFF

26 MARCH [1479]

ABSTRACT. Grant by William Stonor, knight, and Elizabeth his wife, to Master William Hatteclyff "secretario metuendissimi domini nostri Regis," of an annuity of 4 marks from the manor of Horton, to be paid in equal parts by the farmers, bailiffs, receivers, or other occupiers, at Whitsuntide and All Hallows. With power to distrain in case of arrears. "Datum vicesimo sexto die mensis Martii, anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo ¹ nono."

¹ A correction—apparently "decimo"—has been written above this obvious error.

William Hatteclyff was an influential official under Edward IV, to whom he was secretary from 1464 till shortly before his death in 1480. The original is *Ancient Deeds*, C. 3716. Both the seals are lost.

239. LETTER UNDER SIGNET BY EDWARD IV

26 MARCH [1479]

The year is fixed by the documents in *Chancery Warrants*, File 868, which show that Edward IV was at Sheen on 28 February, 1479, and apparently remained there during the whole of March; there are documents dated there on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 23rd, 25th, and 28th of that month, and none dated elsewhere. From *A.C.*, xliv, 58.

By the King.

Reverend fadre in God, Right trusty and welbeloved Cousin, and trusty and welbeloved, we grete you wele. And where as we by our letters patentes of oure special grace have geven and graunted to our full trusty knyght Syr William Stoner, by the name of William Stoner, squier, the lordships of Wycombe, Bassettesbury, and Crendon in our Countee of Buk., Hasely and Pyrton in our Countee of Oxon., with the keypyng of the woodes called Kellerygge and Kingeswood, for terme of hys lyfe with wages and fees in our said letters specified, as in the same is conteigned more at large: which lordships and woodes with their appurtenaunces we have sithin geven to you and your successours perpetuelly to our College of Windesore: it is shewed unto us that ye nowe entende to remeove him, and ordeigne and make a new Officier in and for the same at your pleasour, not havyng regard to our saide graunte, if it soo be, which we ne woll: and therfor desire you that for divers special causes ye in noo wise ameove the said William, but suffre him to enjoye and occupie the said offices accordyng to our said letters, and the parfite effecte of the same. And over that, if the same our graunt shall not unto him be suffisant in that behalve, we eftsones desir and pray you that undre your seale autentique, if itt shall be requisite necessary, ye do make unto him of your graunte in due fourme letters not to his prejudice accordyng to theeffect, tenour, and purport of our said graunte and letters patentes, as our trust is in you.

Wherein ye shal unto us doo full good and singuler pleasour. Yeven under Signett at our maneir of Shene the xxvjth day of March.

No endorsement.

240. HENRY GORTON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 20 MAY, 1479]

The date must be later than 1477 since Stonor is a knight. It would seem likely that the date is later than that of the previous letter, which explains the allusion to "my mastres" (masters) of Windsor. A possible date is therefore 20th May, 1479. In any case it is convenient to place the two letters together. For Harry Gorton see further No. 219. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 164.

Ryght reverent and worshypfull Master, I recommaund me unto your mastershpy, desyeryng to here of your welfar, letyng you understand that my mastres of Wynsore have appoyntyd the Court of Bassetysbure the Moneday before Whitsoneday, also Crendon, Pyrton, Hasley, Tewysday and Wenesday aftur. I pray you of your masterhode to seynd me worde yff ye may be ther or nott : for my lorde of Salesbury wylbe as att thys hymself. Plesyt you to send me worde by the brynger of this byll, and uppon Satyrday at Wynsore I shall lett theym understand howe your masterschyp his dysposed by godes grace, whome have you in his kepyng. Wreten on Thursday last passed in hast.

By your servant Henr. Gorton.

To his most worshypfull master Sir Willm. Stonour, be this byll delivered in hast.

241. . . . RDE HALL TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1 JUNE, 1479 ?]

This letter—*A.C.*, xlvi, 166—is much mutilated ; it may perhaps relate to the same matter as No. 242. It begins :—

"[I recommend m]e to you. Leke yowe Remembur the laste terme at Lunden y made labour to yowe ffor the delyveraunce. . . . Standelf: at whiche time ye made a byll to your servaunde ffor the delyveraunce of the same. . . . How be hytt, as hytt ys seyde, vij of the beste of the seyde catell reste yette with yowe. . . . Prayng yow they may be delyvered accordyng to suche direction as wasse taken."

Halle then goes on to ask that:—

"þe day may be had as ye apoynted before Mydsomer: my ffather Rede wolbe redy with a resonable . . . , for he thyngketh he is nott kyndely deled with, rememberyng he wasse nevyr speke with in þat mater . . . [w]asse taken uppon the Assencion Eve, and uppon the Friday nexte aftur cam Lentall to hym . . . fro yowe, which he thyngketh onkynde delyng. Accordyng to my promyse to yow at Lunden I wrote [la]tely to John Felowe for þe lande þat ye well know and incontinent uppon the syght of my letter. . . .

The remainder is too broken to extract any of the meaning.

. . . . "the Tewysday in the Whytson. . . ."

. . . rde Halle."

To his ryght worshipfull Sir William Stonor, knyght, this letter be delyvered.

242. SIR EDMOND REDE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

4 [JULY ? 1479]

This belongs to the same year as the previous letter. The most likely years are 1479, when Whit-Tuesday was 1 June, or 1481, when Whit-Tuesday was 13 June. Borstall is in Bucks, near Brill. The Stonors had lands at Standelf or Standhill (see vol. ii, p. 183). From *A.C.*, xlvi, 196.

Worshypfull Cosyn, I comawnde me to yow with alle my herte: pleaseth hyt yow to wytt that as y am informed ye have lett owte yowre landys ande medues in Standelf to fferme: how be hytt y have hadd them to fferme of yow and of my cosyn yowre ffather, whos sowle Gode asoyle, this xlith yere ande more, and truly payed my commond therefore: and so y wulde a doo to yow yeff hytt hadd pleased yow I shulde a hadde them styll. And as me semeth, Cosyn, yef hytt pleased yow,

hytt were more metely for me to have them to fferme thanne eny other manne. Ferthermore, Cosyn, as y am informed ye have labored to the gudde lorde of Ossney, stondyng Vicar of Pyrton, to have to fferme the tythes of Stande fe for a chapeleyn of yowres: whiche tyzhe y have hadde to fferme of the seyde gudd lordes predecessour, att þat tyme Vycar of Pyrton, xl^{ti} yeres and more, and truly contented hym therfore. Ande, as me semeth, hit were more metely for me to have hytt to ferme, whyle hyt ys in my nowne grownde, thanne eny other parsonne. Wherefore, Cosyn, y praye yow to shewe me yowre gudde will in thys seyde maters, and demesne me in them as ye wulde be demesned yowre selfe in case semblable, as my very trust ys in yowe, and y shall to my power do as moche for yow in tyme to com with the grace of Jhesu, who have yow in hys kepyng. Wretyn att Borstall the iiijth day Juli.

By yowre Cosyn, Syr Edmonde Rede, knyght.

To my Ryght worshypfull Cosyn, Syr William Stonor, knyght, be thys letter delyvered.

243. RICHARD, DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, TO
SIR WILLIAM STONOR AND HUMPHREY
FOSTER, OR FORSTER, THE ELDER.

9 JULY [? 1479] 1481

The year is perhaps 1479 or 1480. Autograph of Richard III as Duke of Gloucester. From *A.C.*, xlii, 163.

R. Gloucestre.

The duc of Gloucestre, gret Chamberleyn, Constable, and Admirall of England.

Right trusty and well beloved, We grete you wele, and desire and hertely pray you, that incontynent after the sight herof it woll like you at this our instaunce to cause to come afore you William Idley and Elizabeth, his Suster, and demaund them the cause why they content and pay not to our right welbeloved servaunt, Anne Idley, Maistres of our Nurcery, her annuitee of v. marcs, graunted for terme of her lyff of the Manor of Drayton, and advise them, as they woll avoid our grevous displeasure, to see her aswele þerof yerely contented as of þat she is behinde unpaied of the same. And of theire disposicions in this be-

halve We hertely pray you to asserten Us in as goodly hast ye may, as our speciall trust is in you, and as We may do thing at your desires hereafter. And our lord kepe you. Yoven under our signet at our Castell of Middelham the ixth day of Juyll. J. Kendale.

To our right trusty and welbeloved Sir William Stonor, knight, and Humfrey Foster, thelder, squier, and aither of them.

244. WILLIAM WALLINGFORD, ABBOT OF ST. ALBANS, TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

11 AUGUST, 1479

This letter is written throughout, signature and all, in the same hand, probably by a secretary. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 198.

Right Worshipfull Syr, I recommend me unto you: and where as it liked you of late forto write unto me for thoffice of Stewardship of my pore priory of Walingford, which is now fall voide be the deth of Garnon, on whoos soule our blessid lord do his mercy: it is so Syr, for a trouthe þat the revercion of thessayd office aftir Garnon was grauntid by my last predecessour under seale unto oon John Stepneth, a servaunt of our Monastery dwelling in Seint Albons, which John I am certenne may not nor cannot avaunce and help the place in sich matiers as it is troublid with, as Garnon myght and did while he lyved. Natwithstanding I wold be looth to be put in default and taken in rapport to make a graunte contrary unto my said predecessours seale and writing: if that your wisdom cann finde the mean that thessaid place be not double chargid with the fee of thessaid stewards office, and also that ye will of your charite help that the place be not overlaied and hurt by Harry Dogket and oder sich as pretente to have annuytees and fees of thessame place, I will be glad, for the grete worship and sadnes that I here rapportid of you, that ye have thessame office. Therfor if ye will promyse me under your writing and seale of your armys to defend the place from inquietacion of thessaid Herry Doget, and also to finde the mean that the place bere not double fee of thessame office of Stewardship, ye shall have a patent esselid therof in maner and forme as Garnon

had, whom God pardon and preserve you to his plesyr. Writen in my Manoir at Titenhanger xj day of August, 1479.

Your faithfull Lover }
Willm. Abbot of Seint } Albons.

To the Right worshipfull Syr Willm. Stoner, knyght.

245. HENRY DOGETT TO [? STONOR]

[*date uncertain*]

This letter may be addressed either to Thomas (*d.* 1474) or to William Stonor. Henry Dogett was in the service of Thomas Stonor as early as 1443-45, see vol. ii, p. 181, below—and lived till 1491. But the letter seems to relate to a dispute with a prior; from the previous letter Dogett appears to have had a quarrel with the Prior of Wallingford, and therefore the letter may be placed conveniently here. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 148.

Syr, as for the mater bytweme me and Crofte(?) ye undirstond my writeyng that I shold have all the tythes except of the demayn lond in Chalford: I clayme no more but all this tythe, hey as well in Chalford [as] the corne out of Chalford, acordyng to my writeyng: I undirstond that he hath the countrepanes of my writeyng, and yef I were prior as he is I wold have the countrepane of his writeyng. Syr, I pray yow that I may have a copy of his writeyng, and suche rewle as ye like to set betwene us I wol obey hit in the said mater. How be hit I was offered iiij marcs to lese my tytle in the said tythes, for be cause hit is well worth xl s. a year. I remitte all to yow, my goode and feithfull maister,

Your old servaunt H. Dogett.

No endorsement.

246. THE CHAMBERER OF ST. ALBANS ABBEY TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

17 SEPT. [? 1479]

There is nothing to show the year; but as the letter is written by the same scribe as the other St. Albans letter—No. 244—it may be conveniently placed

here. Harry Chune or Chowne was in the service of William Stonor as early as 1475 (see No. 147) and on 24 Jan. 1480 purchased from Sir William Stonor all the oak and ash to the assize of 22 inches in Kilrygge and Litelbowettes and on the highway to Somerheth and Stokfelds ground, for £10 (*Ancient Deeds*, C. 3131). From *A.C.* xlv, 199.

Right worshipfull Sir, I recomend me unto yow. And where it plesid you to write unto me of late desiring me to ow my ffavour unto Herry Chune, which as ye be enformed made a certenne bargenne with Averei Hooru and his wif for their house in Tyrefeld, and theruppon made a surrendyr in the Court for the behofte of thessaid Herry &c.: lykith it you to wete that trouth it is sich a surrendyr was made, but it was made under condicion that thessaid Herry shuld agre with me at that tyme for the fyne and dyd not: wherfor he tooke a day of me hymself to come to Seint Albons and agre with me for his said ffyne: and so he came at his day and agreed not with me, but tooke a new day of agrement with me: and at his speciall desyre I yaf unto hym anoder day, which day he brak and come nomore unto me nor yet sent unto me. And when I herd nomore of hym and understood weele that it was presentyd how Averei had maad wast, as it is to shew of Record, I thenne approvyd it for the wele of myn office and grauntid thessame howse with the purtenautes unto Robert Blakmer and delyveryd hym his copy uppon thessame, as apperith by my court Rollys: fforso moch as it so is and that Chune hath no manner strength nor intrest in the same house but as it is abovesaid, and that Blakmere is possessid lawfully according to the Custome of the maner by strength of his copy, beseche you to be good maister unto Blakmere in his right, whom yf y canne entrete by desire to graunt it over unto Chune I will be glad to do your plesyr theryn and in any thinges ellis that I may do of right for you or any of yours. Besechyng you to yefe no ffavour unto Chune in this behalfe for what sermyse soever he make to you in that mater. This ys the trouth as y have wreton, and that knowith our Lord, who preserve you alwey in worship and welfare, Amen. Writen at Seint Albons the xvij day of Septembre.

Your Chapelen to his power the Chamberer of seint Albons.

To the right worshupfull Sir William Stonor, knight.

247. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

25 SEPT. [1479]

The year is fixed by the reference to Lestan as farmer of Horton; Lestan was farmer in 1478 (see No. 233), and had lost that position in October, 1480 (see No. 276). Sutton Hone is between Horton Kirby and Dartford. Appelson will be the owner of Grandisons Manor at Wilmington, which is close by. From *A.C.*, xlv, 194.

My ryght synguler good Master, after dew recommendacion, like it you to wete that all your servauntes and tenauntes in thes parties fare well, and I recommaunde thaym to your mastership, and so do we all to my lady your wif. The cause of my writyng to your mastership is this: it is so that I have the gift of the presentacion of the Vicarage of Sutton bysides your maner, and for that feith and service that your chaunterie prest of Horton, Syr William, beres to your mastership, y have geven hym the benefice, so it be your plesyr. Syr, ther ys a frere prechour off thabbey of Dertford, is name is frere Hugh Fabri, whiche y have allway aught my verry good will and favour onto, and so does Appelson, Martyn, and all the gentelmen in oure parties. I certifye your mastership he is a good prest, and a clene, ther is non better to my understanding unfaynyd. Syr, if it wold plese your mastership to write a letter to the master of Cobham that it were your plesyr, he shold succede syr William in your Chaunterie, it wold be to the grete comfort of all the gentelmen in thes parties; and over that ye shall have the dayly praier of a good prest, ther was never non suche ther syns I knew Kent. By my trowth undoutyd my lord bysshop wold have geven hym a benefice, but he woll non have. I pray your mastership to tendre this mater the rather at this my pore instance. I thank your mastership for my buk. I dar incombred you no longer. I pray Jhesu send you all youre goodly hertes desire. Writen at your Horton this xxv day of Septembr with the fest of your

Page.

Syr, Lestan, your fermer, understode that y wrote to your mastership, cam onto me and desirid me to remembr yow for hym: if it plese you, it is thus, he is suffisaunt within your distres, he woll content your mastership at Martynmas xx. li., if ye geve hym laysyr, he shall now pay your mastership well and suffisauntly, and if ye be hasty uppon hym he

must sel his graynys at mischef, and in concluson undon. He is sore ferd of your Steward: he hath promisd me he will content your master-ship this same yere xl. li. Plese it yow to send me oon litel word here.

To my master Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght for the kynges body.

248. THOMAS BETSON'S ACCOUNT FOR FENN'S BEQUEST

[? 1479]

On 1st July, 1475, Sir William Stokker, William Heriot, John Stokker and John Pake entered into a bond for the payment of £400 by Sir William Stokker of that sum to the use of John, Katherine, Joan and Anne, children of Thomas Ryche when they come of age or marry; the money having been left by John Fenne, stockfishmonger (*Letter Book*, L. 131). This may be an account relating to the shares of the three daughters; "maystresse Jayn" is no doubt the second; she seems to have been in London with Betson in September, 1479 (see No. 249); this account may perhaps have been rendered a little earlier. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 36.

Md. that I Thomas Betson owght unto my lady Stonor xiiij. li. xiiij. s. iiij. d., the whiche left of the CCC. li. that comethe to John Fenne. Wheroff paid unto my lady Stonor by John Hom, mercer, for shetes and silkes, summa vij. li. v. s. x. d. Itm., to Robert Edderyge, xx. s. Itm., to the sky ner, xxxij. s. x. d. Itm., delyvered to maystresse Jayn in silver, summa iiij. li. xiiij. s. viij. d.

Summa totalis xiiij. li. xii. s. iiij. d.

249. RICHARD BRYAN TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[29 SEPT. 1479]

In his next letter Bryan gives the report of Betson's illness for Thursday, 30th Sept., and Friday, 1st October; this letter was therefore probably written on 29th Sept. Betson's uncle is perhaps Sir William Stocker, whose wife was sister to Lady Stonor. Mistress Jane is probably Jane Ryche, the younger sister of Betson's wife. Humphrey Starkey was Recorder of London

1471-83 (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*, liv, 108). Robert Tate was sheriff in 1481-82, and mayor in 1488-89. For Richard Page see Nos. 220 and 247, and for Fenn and Fyncham see vol. i, p. xxix. The amount of money is large but compare the list of obligations due by Betson in No. 264. From *A.C.*, xlv, 142.

Sir, according to the commaundement of your mastership we were at Stebenhith by ix of the Clok : at suche tyme as we come thider we sawe the gentilman forthwith. And in gode feith he made us gode chere as a sike man might by countenaunce notwithstanding : for in gode feith we sawe by his demenour that he might not prospere in this world : ffor mastres Bevice and oþer Gentilwomen, and his Uncle were of the same oppynyon. And we desired and praide him to be of gode comfort and so comfortid him as hertely as we coude in your name and in my ladies. And so we departid from the Chambre downe into the halle : and he felle into a grete slombering, and was besily movid in his spirites. And at a xj of the Clok I¹ callid his Uncle out of his bedde into the gentilman's Chambre, and I asked his advice and my maystresse his wyf of the stok and of the demenure therof for the yere and the half that is last past. And as touching the stok he confessid that it was xj.^c li. iij.^{xx} li. Wherin at the sight of your acquietaunce in discharging of him and alle his doers that shalbe be hinde him the seid stok shalbe redy. And as for the occupacion of it, as he will answere betwene god and devell, the boke that he bought it by ye shalbe prive therto : and the boke that he sold by ye shalbe also prive to : which ij bokes shalbe his Juges, which remayne in the keping of my mastresse his wifes handes under lok and key, and other billes and obligacions accordyng, concernyng the suerte for divers paiementes to be made by divers merchautes, as the seid Gentilman seith. Forthermore, as touching to John Fennys prentice alle thing is according in suerte, which shalbe delivered into the handes of Laurence Fyncham and oþer of the same company. I have sent James to Page, and I trust to God he wilbe here this day by none. And as for the plate my maystresse Jane and I have caused it to be taken up and set in suerte, save that that must nedes be occupied. And as touching the bille that ye have of his awne hande of the sume of iij.^{xx} li., I praeie you send it me by the bringer of this letter ; and as for my lady money which ye geve by instruccion shulde be iij.^{xx} li., I pray you shewe it me by writing how that I may appose it ferther, for as yet I can have no

¹ Bryan first wrote "he".

answere of hers ne yours. I trust to Jhesu he shall endure till þe messenger come ayene: lenger the ffysicians have not determyned. The executours be thre persones, my maystresse his wyf, Humfrey Starky, Recorder of London, Robert Tate, merchaunt of Caley: notwithstanding I moved him betwene him and me and mastres Jane that he shuld breke this testament, and make my mastresse his wyf sole executrice. What wilbe do þerin, as yet I can not speke, but I shall do as I can with Goddes grace, who have you in his kepyng. Written at London, this present daie at viij of the Clok.

By yow owne Ric. Bryan.

To my most worshipfull and singuler gode master Sir William Stonour, knyght.

250. RICHARD BRYAN TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

2 OCTOBER 1479

"My lady Croke" is Elizabeth Stonor's mother, here as elsewhere styled "lady" out of courtesy. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 143.

Right worshipfull and my speciall gode master, in as humble wise as I can I recommaunde me unto your mastership: and as for the tidinges that his here I trust to God it shalbe verrey gode: on Thursday my lady Croke came to Stebenhith and brought with her master Brinkley to see Betson, and in feith he was a verrey sike man: and or he departed he gave him plasters to his hede, to his stomake, and to his bely, that he alle that nyght was in quiete rest: and he came to hym ayene on ffriday and sye his water: and he was well amendid, and so seid alle the people that were aboute him: notwithstanding he will not determyne him whether he shall live or dye as yet, but and he may kepe him alive till Tuesday none he will undertake him. The cause that I write to you no rather was because I had no serteunte. Sir, there hath be many speciall laburs and secrete I-made, sithen mastresse Jane and I were come, to the contrarie disposicion that we come fore: I can not write the playnes of theyme as yet, for my mastres Betson attendith, alle things and counselles leyde apart, to abide and trust in your gode ffadderhode and in my lady: and ferthermore if he departe

the world ye shall here tidinges of her in as godely hast as we may purvey for her. And whether he deye or live, it is necessarie and bihovfull that Mastresse Jane departe not from her into suche tyme as the certeynte may be knowen ; for in trouth divers ffolkes, which ye shall know hereafter, and my lady, both thus hath and wolde exorte her to a contrarier disposicion, had not we be here by tyme. And mastresse Jane is worthy much thank. Writen at London the ij^{de} daie of Octobre at iiij a klok.

And as for master Page, I sent for him, and he wrote me a letter and seide that he wold be redy at eny tyme to come. Howbeit he was aferde of the sikenes : but for as hederto I am in nō suche distresse to sende for him : but I will, if I have cause. And if your mastershippe will any oþer thing oþerwyse than I can remembre, write unto me and I shalle put me in devore to execute it acording to your plesour by the grace of God.

Your servaunt Richard Bryan.

To my right worshipfull sir, and singuler good master, Sir William Stonore, knyght.

251. THOMAS HENHAM TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

10 OCTOBER, 1479

See the two previous letters. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 172.

Jhesu A^{no} xix

Ryght honorable and worshipfull mayster, I recommaunde me unto your goode mayster in the most lowest wyse that I best cane or may, ever more desyring to here off your goode wellfare, the wyche I be-sche Jhesu long to continue unto your hartys dysire. Forder more, syr, ye scholle understonde that my mayster Thomas Betson hys ryght welle amendyde, blesyde by Jhesu ; and he hys paste all dowytyes of sekens, and he takys þ^e sostenanse ryght welle : and as for ffusecyons, ther come none unto hym, ffor he hase no nede of them. Syr, ye shall understonde that my mayster Syr Wylliam Stoker comaunde hym unto your maysterschype, and my lady hys wyffe. And as ffor schuche

thyngys as your mayster wrothe unto hym by master Bryane, hyt schalle be aplyde, and sent unto your mayster : ffor he says he wylle sende you none but goode : and as ffor your rede wyne, hyt schall be schyped upon Tewysday next comys : and as ffor your rondelet off Mallsay,¹ yt thys not rede as yet, ffor mayster Syr Wyllm. Stoker hathe comyng a schype with Mallsay and hoder swet wyne, and he lokys ffor the same schype every day, and yeff so be that that the same schype come note betwene thys and Tewysday next comys he wylle porffay ffor your maysterschype a rondelet off Mallsay schuche as he may get in the sete, and hyt schall be schyppyde with your rede wyne. Fordermore, Syr, ye schall understonde that I resayved a letter ffrom your mayster by mayster Bryane, the wyche I schall do accordyng as your wryting dothe spesyffide. No more unto your maysterschype at thys tyme, but all mythe Jhesu have you in hys keepyng. Wreten at Stepenay, the x day off Octobr.

By your prentes Thomas Henham.

To my Ryght Worschypfull maister, Syr Wyllm. Stonor, knyght, thys letter be delyvrde d.d.

252. THOMAS BRADBURY TO DAME ELIZABETH STONOR

15 OCTOBER, 1479

This is an invoice from Thomas Bradbury, a London mercer, who was sheriff in 1498 and mayor in 1509. On 7th April, 1481, he was one of the sureties for the payment of £758 19s. 0½d. due to the orphan children of John Fenne (see vol. i, p. xxx). He died in January, 1510, and was buried at St. Stephen, Coleman Street (Stow, *Survey*, i, 284 ; ii, 180). Bradbury had been an apprentice of Richard Ryche, the father of Elizabeth Stonor's first husband (Ryche's Will ap. *P.C.C.*, 4 Godyn). From *A.C.*, xlv, 239.

Jhesus.

After due ffourme I recommaunde me unto your ladyship : lyke it you to wytte that I have R[eceived] a letter fro you by Master Makeney, and accordyng to your letter I send you : þat is—

¹ Malvesey.

vj elles holland at ij s. an ell, Summa	xij. s.
Itm. ij elles holland at ij s. viij d., Summa,	v. s. iiij. d.
Itm. xij elles holland at xvj d. Summa,	xvj. s.
Itm. xxxviij yerdes grene sarcenet at v s. the yerd. Summa,	ix. li. x. s.
Itm. j. p. greene bokame to lyne it with, pris,	vj s. viij d.
Totalis, xj. li. x. s.	

Madame, the sarcenet is verry ffyne. I thynke most profytable and most worshipfull for you, and shall [last]¹ you your lyff and your chyldes after you, wher as harlatory of xl. d. or xliiij. d. a yerd wold nat indure too sesons with you: Therfor for a lytill more cost, me thinketh most wysdom to take of þe best. In certen I have bought the most part of þe sarcenet, for I had nat I-now to perfourme yt. I wyne never a peny in þat &c. I shall see your ladyship hastily by Goddes grace, who preserve you to his plesour &c. Wret at London the xv daye of Octobr., A^o lxxix.

Be your servaunt, Thomas Bradbury.

To my right worshipful Dame Elizabeth Stonore be this delivered.

253. HUGH UNTON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 26 OCTOBER, 1479]

Not earlier than 1478, in which year St. Simon and St. Jude's Day fell on a Wednesday; the most likely years are 1478 or 1479. From *A.C.*, xlvj, 217.

Right worshipfull Maister, I recomaunde me unto you. And Syr, the case is so that yong Wagge nowe apon Saterday last passet hase comyn and take possession in a corner of a feld of a trew wedowe and bedewoman of yours, Robert Oxlades moder, concernyng the title of all hir place: the which woman hase ben in pesibill possession thes iiij score yeres and more, as her sone Robert can more pleylnly enfourme your maistership. And Syr, the lond is entaylet as fayre as eny can be unto the heires males, and hase been thes C. yeres. Syr, I beseche you be hir gud Maister in hir righth, and to hir power she shall deserve hit. Wagge makys gret manasse to distres hir catell within thes iiij or

¹ "Last" omitted in MS.

fawre dayes. Syr, and ye send me a bill to withstond him, I will do my power: for as by parall she has enfeffet your maistership, M. Cotesmore, Herre Doget, me, and William Est. And Syr, I beseche you hold me excuset that I come not unto your maistership: I am a litill diseset for to ride. And almighty God preserve you, my lady, and all your housholde, the Monday afore Simon and Jude.

Your servaunt, Hugh Unton.

To my right worshipfull Maister, Sir William Stonor, Knyght.

254. ALEXANDER BASYNGTHWAYTE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

12 Nov. 1479

Alexander Basyngthwayte, tailor, of London, occurs in 1474 and 1489 (*Letter Book*, L., 114, 268). His will was proved in 1493.—*P.C.C.*, 24 Dogett. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 136.

Jhesu.

Reverent and wurchipfull Syr, after all dew recommendacion, y recommaund me unto your Maisterchipe desyryng to here of your wyllfar, the wych Almyghty Jhesu preserve and kepe to hys plesour and your hertes desyre. Forthermor letyng your Maisterchip to have in consideracyon that y stonde in sych a nessescyte at hys tyme, the wyche without y have your help and your socowr it wyll be unto me gret hurt and henderans: for y most pay to my son-y-lawe a C. li. or Crystysmas day, the wych y beseke yowr Maisterchipe to remember me in my ned acordeng to yowr old promys: for without ye help me, y wot wyll y may not kepe my hows. Syr, also my servant can infourm your Maisterchyp of my grevans. Also prayng you that thys synpoll byll may recommaund me unto my good lady your wyff. No mor to you at thys tym, but y beseke Jhesu hau you in hys kepyng. Wretyn at London, the xijth day of November, A^o. E. iiij^{ti} xix^{mo}.

Be your own servant Alix. Bassyngtwhait.

To . . . mayster Syr William Stonor, knyght, thys be delivered in hast.

255. H. CARNEBULL TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

16 Nov. [1479]

This clearly relates to the stewardship of Thame. In *Ancient Deeds*, C. 5623, there is a copy of a grant by the dean and canons of Lincoln, at the request of Thomas, bishop of Lincoln, to Sir William Stonor and the heirs of his body, of the office of Steward of the lordships of Thame and Dorchester, in Oxfordshire, and of Wooburn and Tynghurst, Bucks., at a fee of £6 1s. 8d. On the same paper is a copy of another deed dated 6 Dec., 1479. The grant of the stewardship may fairly be assigned to the same time. This letter suits well with 1479, for in that year 16th Nov. was on a Tuesday; Carnebull was going to Leicester on the following Monday, would stay there till the 26th, and then would be at Newark till 4 Dec., and at Lincoln till 12 Dec. Quatermayns and Fowler, who seem to have held the stewardship of Thame, both died in 1477. As Stonor was a knight this letter could not in any case be earlier than 1478, so that there must have been an interval between Fowler's death and Stonor's appointment. William Lenthall lived at Lachford, near Rycote—see No. 297. Henry Davers was one of Fowler's executors (*P.C.C.*, 32 Wattys). From *A.C.*, xlvj, 144.

Right worshipfull Sir, I recommaunde me unto you : thanking you for my grete chere this day made me at your place, but not for your park spoort, where in your defaut John, your parker, þat wold have bene my frende, is my gret enmye. I have received your letter conteynyng þat ye wol do my lord service in thoffice of Stewardship at Thame, and þat for þe same ye will geif me xlvj. li. xiiij. s. iiij. d., payyng hit at ij tymes, that is to wete at Michelmes next commyng xxij. li., and at Candelmes þenne next folowyng the residue, which amounteth to þe somme of xxij. li. xiiij. s. iiij. d. Sir, I knowe þat my lordes mynde and pleasur is þat ye have hit, which I wil folowe in þat and in al thing duryng my lif, and so am y bounden. To your desired daies of payment I wil therfor agre, and of your and myn aggrement I shal wryte unto my lordes good lordship. Sewe ye for your patent as soone as my lord cometh to Woborne, and when ye have hit sendeth it to Lincoln þat your graunte may be confermed by þe chapitour ther. To morowe I will be at Bannebury and ther until Monday next : from thennes to Leicester, and ther until þe morowe next after seint Kateryn day : so to Newerk, and ther until ij daies afor seint Nicholas day : thenne to Lincoln, and ther by viij daies. Yf your patent be brought while y am ther,

I shal speke for þe spede þerof, so þat y trust your servaunt commyng þerwith shal not be taried. John Daunce shal to morrowe to Ricote and labour to gete you a copie of Quatermayns patent. Yf hit may be goten ther, William Lentalle, your servaunte, can advise you how ye may gete hit from Herry Davers: for Lental telled me þis same day he supposeth þat Herry hath hit. Yf hit may not be goten of hym, let Lental remember þe Scrivener þat made Maister Foulers patent, with whom y suppose a mynewte or copie resteth, and ther dooth hym to fette hit. I sende you herynne enclosed a copie of the wordes entred by Maister Auditour for þe allowaunce of þe Stewardes fee, upon þe which copie ye may conceive your patent by counseile lerned, yf þe remanent faile. Oure lord kepe you. At Thame, in hast þe xvjth daye of Novembre, with þe owne hande of hym þat is yours to my litle poer.
H. Carnebull.

To the right worshipfull sir, Sir William Stonore, knyght.

256. HENRY DOGETT TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

31 DECEMBER [? 1479]

The date is most probably 1478 or 1479. It does not seem likely that it can belong to the same year as No. 231. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 146.

My good and feythfull maister, I recomaund me to yow with all my service. I undirstond by your writeyng that the Kyng and oþer the lordes be right well plesid with your worshipfull demenyng: of the wheche I am right glad. And also that my lord Chaunceler is your good lord and councellyth you to your grete worship and avayle. God defende yow fro sinustre counsell. My said lordes advyse and counsell is full frutes and profitable for yow, as I have hadde very knowleche: I pray God contynue hym. And where ye like to write to me to come to your maistershep I was not wele disposed to ride this many day, as Godd knoweth. Praying yow that ye woll take no displeser, I send yow by my servaunt xx markes: I have right lytyll mone; how be hit yef ye nede I woll purvey more ayenst Monday next, and send hit to your maistershep with Goddes mercy, who ever preserve

yow, my good and feithfull maister. Wreton at Pusey a Neweyeres yeve, with the hond of your old servaunt,

H. Dogett.

Syr, John Wagge kan enforme your maistershep of my disease &c.

To my maister syr Will. Stonore, Kny[ght].

257. FUNERAL EXPENSES

c. 1480

This account is written on two small slips of paper, stitched together. It clearly does not relate to the funeral of Thomas Stonor (*d.* 1474); possibly it may be for the funeral of one of Sir William Stonor's first two wives; if so "Mr. Edmund" may be the writer of No. 195. Several of the other clergy come from the neighbourhood of Stonor. From *Ch. Misc.* 37, iv, 37, 38.

Be hyt remembrede of þe costys at þe besynes that Jhon Yong hath ordeynyde.

In primis, yn Ale iiij dozyn & di., viij. s. Item, in beffe, xxj. d. Item, iij quarters and ij schuldrys of motyn, xx. d. Item, iij pyggys, xij. d. Item, ij gese, ix. d. Item, vj chekyns, vj. d. Item, to þe berars of Ale, iiij. d. Item, ij li. candull, ij. d. Item, ij cokys, ij. d. Item, for spyse, ij. d. Item, for wudde ¹ Item, for salte, ij. d. Item, mustarde, ob. Item, for Sawndyr Blackale, hors meete, iij d.

Summa, xv. s. j. d. ob.

Nomina sacerdotum.

Doctor Lee. Mr Maknay. Mr Fasion. Mr Edmund. Mr vicarius de Watlyngton. Mr vicarius de Chalgrove. Mr Smythe. Mr Morese. Rector Willelmus Odyngton. Mr vicarius de Scherborn. Dominus Johannes Clarke. Dominus Edmundus Tankart. Dominus Garthe. Dominus Johannes Schepey. Dominus Johannes de Perton. Dominus Johannes Wetfeld. Mr Christoforus Noresse. Frater Nicholaus. Dominus Johannes de Stokynchyrch. Rector de Rewderfeld Gray. Dominus Hugo. Dominus Grefet. Vicarius de Aston. Dominus Spensar. More.

¹ The amount is not given.

258. FENCIBLE MEN IN THE HALF-HUNDRED OF EWELME

[? c. 1480]

This list is written on two sheets of paper stitched together. The names of the places are written in another hand on the left-hand margin, and the names of the constables have been added on the right; the numbers of the men (whose names appear in the original) include the constables. From *Chancery Misc.*, 37, iv, 39.

The certification to Sir William Stonor, knyghte, by þe constables of þe di. hundred of Ewelme of men þat make harnes and be abull to do þe kyng servys, and also of such as be abull to do þe kyng servys and not abull to make harnes.

Ewelme. Thomas Staunton. const. Ric. Slythurst, a harnes and abull to do þe kyng servis with his bowe. Thomas Staunton, John Holme, hole harnes and both abull to do þe knyng servis with bill. John Tanner an harnes, and abull to do the kyng servis with a bill. John Pallyng an harnes and not abull to wer it. Roger Smith, no harnes, neperles an abull man and a gode archar.

Benston. Constable? 3 *men*, 2 *with harnes*, 2 abull with a bill.

Berwike. John Wildgose, constable. 4 *men*, 2 "abull with his bowe," 1 with a bill, 1 "with an staffe".

Britwell Priory. Thomas Stoke, constable. 3 *men*, 2 *with harnes*.

Bryghwell. William Adam, constable. 7 *men*, 4 *with harnes*, 1 with an axe and no harnes.

Cuxham. Robert Hall, constable (*has an harnes and not abull*) 6 *men*, 3 *with harnes*.

Netylbede. Harry Wolryge, constable. 7 *men*, 6 *with harnes*, 2 "a good archer".

Huntlyrcumbend. John Lymborner, constable, 9 *men*, 6 *with harnes* (2 not abull), 2 *good archers*.

Chalegove. Richerd Hunt, constable, 3 *archers and* an abull man with a staffe.

Newnton. John Kyng, constable, harnes for a man, *and* Thomas Childe "an abull man with a staffe".

Holcumbe. William Grene, constable, harnes for a man, *and* Thomas Grene "an abull man with a bill".

Warborowghe. William Dalberd, constable, 12 *men*, 4 *with harness*, 3 *archers*, 2 *able with a staff*.

Hasley Magna. Thomas Cule, constable, 8 *men*, 4 *with harness*, 2 *archers*.

Hasley Parva. John Percyvale, constable, 4 *men*, 2 *with harness*.

Lachford. John Nycoll, 3 *men*, 2 *with harness*, 1 *archer*.

Ricott. John Kyng, constable, 3 *men*, 2 *with harness*, 1 *archer*.

Draycote. Richard Howse, constable, 3 *men*, 2 *with harness*.

259. PHILIP FITZLEWIS TO [SIR WILLIAM STONOR]

1479-80

This letter would seem to be rather later than No. 247, and since Lestan is still farmer at Horton (though in danger of losing his post), it may be referred to the end of 1479 or the beginning of 1480. FitzLewis lived near Horton, see Nos. 324 and 326. From *A.C.*, xlv, 95.

After [all] dew recomendacyon premysyd, serteffyeng yow that ther hath bene with me dyvers off my neyghburreys ffrendys: they deseryd off me to geve aid to desyer off you to be good mastyr unto yure ser-vaunt and ffermor Leyston, and that hyt wold plesse yow to geve hym Estyr terme and Myssomer to content and pay yow yure hooll dute, for the wyche he will fynde yow suffyssaunt surte thos dayes to cepe: the wyche and hyt wold so plesse yow to do, hyt schould cause yow to have the servyse off many gentylmen and other yure neyghborres in thys Contre: the wyche I remytt to yure wysdome, and Almyghty Jhesu be yure gyde and counsellor,

Yure owne alwey Phll. ffytz Lewys.

No endorsement.

260. WILLIAM HARLESTON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

16 JAN. [1480]

William Harleston of Denham, Hoxne, and Debenham in Suffolk, died on 4th Nov. 1480 (*Ch. Inq. p.m.* Edward IV, file 78). He was son of William

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Harleston by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Hugh Luttrell. Luttrell gave a moiety of the manor of Debenham to his son-in-law on 5 April, 1406 (*Chancery Warrants*, Series I, 881/5555). The second William Harleston married Philippa, daughter of Thomas Stonor, the elder, but left no issue. Since Elizabeth Stonor was recently dead the date of this letter must be 1480. "My cosen Ramsey," is no doubt Thomas Ramsey, see No. 179. The whole letter, including the original signature, was written by a scribe; Harleston appended his own signature. From *A.C.*, xlv, 169.

My Ryght reverent and worshipfull Neve, I an my wiff recommande us unto you with all our hertes. And I beseche almygthy God to have mercy on my lady your wiffes sowle, for verily she was a good woman and a well disposid: and I pray God send you no wersse thane she was. And more over, syr, I have receyvid your letter be my Cosen Ramsey, and also I understonde well the evedens the wiche my Cosen Ramsey broth me from you. And, syr, I shalle put me in my dever to do you a pleasur to my power. And as for C. marcs I shall purwey for you withinne shorte tyme, and if I hadde hadde it at home withyne me I shuld a sent it you be my Cosen Ramsey. But in good feyth I am feyne to make a shefte at London with my frendes ther for. And I shalle ley suerte be my obligacion in C. ii. for C. marcs for your pleasur; the wiche C. marcs ye shall not fayle I truste to God to have at London the xxv or xxvi day of January. And at the Sworde in Flestrete ther ye shall here of a frende of myn, the wiche shall serve you of the said C. marcs be the love of God. And, syr, I pray you that it may be payd ayen be sevenyth or fortentyth after Esterne next comyng, in suche money as ys take, be it gold or in sylver; for I have wreten to my frende that he shall have as good ayen as he delyveryth. For I were lothe to displese hym, for he is so true and so speciall a frend to me &c. And more over, syr, for Goddes sake be ware now, for now ye may breke your howshold with your honour and worschep, now after the decesse of my good lady your wiff, and stabill your howsehold now saddely and wisely with a convenient feleshepp so as ye may kepe yow withynne yowr lyvelode; for a wise man will caste afore what falle aftirwarde. And be war of your moder hert, and take your fader hert, on whos sowle I beseche almygthy God to have mersy. And of certain thynges I wold desire you and pray you in the name of God, that ye wolle not over wissh yow, ner owyr purches yow, ner owyr bild you; for these iij thynges wolle plucke a yongman ryth lowe. Ner medyll not with no gret materis in the lawe. For I truste to God to see you the worshipfullest of the Stonors that ever I sawe or shall se be my days.

And ther for I wold that ye dede as well as any man allyff, or as well as your owyn hert canne thynke. And, syr, of on thyng at is tolde me, that ye do make a fayre newe Garden; in the wiche I pray you for my sake to sette too herbis, the wiche ben, Paciens, Tyme: And that theis to herbis be put in the potage that ye ete, so as ye may ete them dayly. And more over, syr, as towchyng to your letter, ye have not assigned in your letter to whoom the money shuld be delyvered. Wher for I have assigned in my letter the day and place, where as ye or my Cosen Ramsey, or any in your name shall have it. And also, syr, ye have wreten in your letter, that yf I thynke that your wrytyng were not sufficient that I shulde have sufficient pleges. And as towchyng to me your wrytyng were sufficient; but in as much as I am fayne to ley suerte my self for the seid C. marcs, I pray you that my Cosen Ramsey, or whoo sum ever come for the money, that he may bryng sufficient and suer plegis with hym, the wiche shalbe indentid between hym and me. And they shalbe as suer and as saff to you, as they were in your cofer at home. And they shalbe redy for you at your day, the wiche day I beseche you to kepe as ever ye wolle have anythyng that I may doo for you in tyme to come. And, syr, I beseche you to take no displeur ther for to me wardes; for truly I do it for non other cause but be cause of dowl of dethe, as ye knowe well the worlde was never inesier ner more dowtfulle than it is now. And also that my frende shulde not be disseyvid; for if it were to me ward I wold never desyre other plege but ondely your wrytyng &c. No more to you at this tyme but Almygthy Jhesu have you in his kepyng. Wreten at Denham, the xvj day of January. And good Neve thynke on theis pore wordes, the wiche I have sent you, and also I pray you geve credens to my Cosen Ramsey brynger herof &c.

Be your true and feythefull vnkell Willm. Harleston.
(*autograph*) Per W. Harleston.

To my ryght reverent and worshipful Neve, Willm. Stoner, knyth, be this letter delyvered in hast.

261. [ON BEHALF OF AGNES WYDESLADE]

[1480]

This is the draft of a letter, which the mention of Wydeslade proves to have been written on behalf of Agnes Wydeslade, Sir William Stonor's second wife.

It was originally written in the first person, reading "my promise," "my hert," and "with me and desyred me". From *A.C.*, xlvi, 269.

Whare at the departyr of your lordship, my maystresse promise was to conclude with no man in mariage in to the tyme she hadde putte your lordship in knowlychye, and to have the ffavour and counseile of your good lordship : whareuppon your lordship promised her that your good lordship shold encline to soche a person as she myght ffynde in her hert to love and have in mariage : hit is so that a worshipfull knyght, syr Will. Stonard, hathe be with my seide mastresse and desyred her in mariage, to whom her hert is sette : besechyng your good lordship and favour in that behalve, acordyng to your promys by your good lordship to her made at your beyng last at Wydeslade.

262. ANNYS WYDESLADE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[early in 1480]

Annys or Agnes Wydeslade, daughter of John Wynnard of Wolveston, Cornwall, and of Hatherleigh, Devon, and widow of John Wydeslade, the younger, was Stonor's second wife. John Wynnard died in 1468, having appointed Richard Wydeslade as one of his executors and trustee for his daughter. John Wydeslade, the younger, was apparently a son of Richard, who seems to have been alive at the date of this letter (see Wynnard's will, *P.C.C.*, 25 Godyn, and *Early Chancery Proceedings*, 10/257, date 1467 to 1472). Since Elizabeth Stonor died about the end of 1479, and Agnes was married before May, 1480, this letter must have been written early in the latter year. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 222.

Right worshipfull Maister, y hertly comaund me unto you with alle suche seivise as y can or may : thonking you of youre kyndnesse shewed unto me, so pore a woman as y am, and unto your Maystershyp own-deserved : desyryng to hire of youre welfare, the which y pray alle mighty Godde to preserve you to youre most pleasure and hertis desire. Please you to have enknowliche of my power welfare : at the making of this my letter y was in gode hele, and y trust in God within short space to be beter : for now y am at my liberte, wherof I thanke you, in my own hous at Exeter. The ffesisicion wolle do his cunnyng uppon me, but undertake me he wol not, nor never did noon in his liff. Cumfort in

hym I fynde, and in my mynde y thinke he wolle do me gode. Further-
more the deling of my fflader in law ye shal have enknowliche by a bille,
which Thomas Mathu shal deliver you. A very yeynd¹ betwyn hym and
me wolle not be had into the tyme of youre comyng, which y trust wolle
not be longe. Me, thinkith a M. yere gon that y hurd any tidinges fro
you. And in gode feith ye may sey unto me that y am own-kynde that
y wrote nor send unto you synnes youre last being at Wideslade. The
cause is, for myn excuse is y have be in helle, where y had litel cumfort,
but as sone as y cam to Exeter then was y yn heven: and be cause that
y am now in joy y do send you this letter. Maister, hit is so that the
ffesicion is in hondes with me, and he desirith to have me in cure iij
monythis, for which cause I pray you remember your Worship and my
poor Queste. And as y amend y shal put you in knowlich by the grace
of Jhesu, who kepe you.

ffrom your tru lover Annys Wydeslade.

To his right worshipfull Maister Syr William Stonore, Knyght, be
this delivered.

263. [WALTER ELMES TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR]

[1480]

This letter, which is unsigned and apparently intentionally obscure, seems
to be in the writing of Walter Elmes, who we know from Nos. 282, 287, and
288 periodically visited Stonor's Devonshire estates. On this occasion his
business would seem to have been to make arrangements for the care of Agnes
Wydeslade's estates; the date is therefore probably some time in 1480; since
there is no reference to the trouble at Wolveston (see Nos. 266-68) it was per-
haps written in March or April. On the repairs at Clist, see No. 285. The
Wydeslade mentioned in this letter is probably the father of Lady Stonor's
first husband. As to Germyn see No. 268. An alternative date might be
May, 1481, after the death of Agnes Stonor. From *A.C.*, xlvii, 46.

After my dewe recommendacion. I must nedys be at Wynchester
to morow. I purpose to be at Exeter apon Saturday or afore. Yf ye
wull send in to Glouc' shyre or I com home, send me word by my ser-

¹ Sc. "end".

vaunt, ffor ells I wold come homwarde therbye. I wuld not make Germyn nor Wydeslade, what my lord Marquys hath promysyd you. Wydeslade is metely to be Steward in Cornewall: be ye advysyd of his ffee, remembryng what he hath he wull thynke ye drede to sore. I wuld not wryte of Speke, nor none othyr, but thynke that no resonable man wuld intende to trobull you, and yff eny wull be onresonabyll that they wuld assyste you. Remette your counsell to þe berrer off your lettres to opyn to them as they fele them disposyd: Iffe ye knowe not whetheyr ye have eny cause as 3yt, and till ye have cause, I wuld not your wrytyng were to large. I wuld a other were Steward at Hooode. Hexte is lernyd and is metely for hit. As for Woneford and Clyst lyke wyse. And yf I continue not—but all thes thynges must be gydyd as ye have nede and cause, and nothyng in hast. Yf I shuld bye blake gownes by the way, send me word: also what I shall do with the plate¹ and þe stuffe. On Monday at nyght I wuld lie at Penyngton, yf ye wull eny thing. As for the reparacion of Clyst I pray you to send word, who shall have the oversyte, and also wer Halwell shall pay me þe money or send yt uppe to London. Item as for Germyn ffee whether I shall pay hym or no. Yf ye wull have Hexte send hym a letter.

264. OBLIGATIONS OF THOMAS BETSON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

10 MARCH 1480

The correspondence of Thomas Betson with Sir William Stonor ceases after the death of Elizabeth Stonor. Probably their commercial partnership came to an end about the same time. This document may have reference to the settlement of their affairs. In 1482 Betson still owed Stonor £1200, see No. 310. William Welbek after Betson's death married his widow, see vol. i, p. xix. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, ix, 27.

Resceyvid of Thomas Betson the x day of Marche Ao xx. E. iiij.

In primis a obligation in the wyche the seyde Thomas with othyr be bownd to Syr W.S. vij^{ccc} lvij. li. xix. s. st. Item, a obligation of xx. li. Item, a othyr payable at Myhelmass next comyng, xl. li. Item, at owr lady in Lent come twelmonth a othyr of xl. li. Item, at Ester come

¹ Compare the reference in No. 268.

twelmonth a obligacion of C. li. Item, a othyr obligacion at Mydsomer come twelmonth of C. li. Item, acqytaunce of the seyde Thomas to the seyde Syr W. Stonor. Item, a Byll of Wyllyam Welbekk of iiij^{xx} li. payable in August. Item, a Byll of John Pasmere, skynner, payable in Februar next comyng, C. li. Item, Remanent payable at Myhelmasse come twelmonth of C. li. Item, a Debentur remaynyth in þe seyde T. Betson handes of lxxxxvj. li. x. s.

265. GERVEYS, DOGETT'S CLERK, TO WILLIAM TOVY

9 MAY [1480]

The year is most probably 1480, when Whitsunday was on 21 May, but it might be 1482 when Whitsunday was on 26 May. The earlier is the more likely since Dogett seems to have ceased to be receiver before 1482. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 260.

Welbeloved, I comaunde me to you, and I pray you to werne Maister Botelers court to be hold with you þe Fryday before Whitsunday now next comyng, and þat þe tenauntes be warned truly, and þat þey brynge her rent to you þat same day or before: for þe lord hath sent to my maister for hit. And Danyell telled me þat ye became detter to Sir William Stonor for his olde rent: I pray you lett hit be redy ayenst þe same day with all þe new rent, as my maisters tryst is yn you. And when I come thedir I shall tell Mathew how he shall be rewled with his new house. No more to you, but Cryst kepe you. At Aston þe ix day of May

By Gerveys, Maister Dogettes Clerk.

To William Tovy, ffermour of Tyrfyld, be this bill delyveryd in hast.

266. ? TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 1480]

A large part of the right-hand side of this letter—*A.C.*, xlvi, 224—including the signature, has been destroyed. The writer is a servant of Sir William Stonor, who reports as to what had recently taken place at a Court held on one of his manors. From Nos. 267 and 268 it seems clear that it was

Wolveston, and the date probably 1480. The writer was apparently not Richard Gernyn, he may possibly be Thomas Hayward. The tenants had made unreasonable complaints. Their ringleader was Thomas Maras.

"I axte of hym why he had noȝt levyd Midsomer rent and Myghelmas . . . and sayd ye wold noȝt, for he was as famelier with Werthe as any." The writer urged Stonor to "give credence of no reports till I speke with you," and advised him "to gete you a letter from my lord Marcas [Dorset] . . . for hit is to much for Graynfeld. . . . Recommend me unto my lady your wiff."

No endorsement.

267. THOMAS GRAYNFYLD TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

13 MAY [1480]

The year is fixed by comparison with No. 272. In 1480 Ascension Day was 11 May. The writer is Thomas Graynfyld, or Grenville, of Stow, who was great-great-grandfather of the famous Sir Richard Grenville. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 165.

Myne especyall Gode Master, after all dewe recommendacyon y recommaund me unto your gode masterschip, doying yow to wete that on Assencyon evyn Thomas Worthe came unto yowr Manor of Wolveston, ther of Thomas Hayward, yowr trewe servant, wold have had the keyys of yowr plase : the sayd Thomas denyyd hym : he sayd he wold enter in to the plase, or else he wold dye ther for : apon this wordes the sayd Thomas Hayward came to me abowte xj at clocke in the same nyght, and acsyd myne avyse what was beste to do : y avysyd hym to take Rygby, yowr trewe servant, and syche companye as thay cowthe gete to brynge in to the plase befor, to resyste the sayd Thomas Worthe : and by the morow sons rysyng y wold be ther my selfe to se what wold be done ther. And so yt was, or any man came ther, and at the comyng of yowr trewe servantes, Thomas Hayward and Rygby, we wente wher at Worthe was loggyd, to understand hys disposition : we mette hym by the way to Wolston ward : we ayste hym wether he wold : he sayd, to Wolston : we sayd, hit [wo]ld not be his ese to come ther, but he had bene better companyyd. And so wordes the wer betwene Thomas Hayward and hym : of the whiche ye schall

hyr her her after ; but howe ye wyll hit schall be awnsweryde her after, yowr sayd sarvant and y woll pray yow to have knowlyche : for Pommeroy and he byth bothe on : y hope he¹ schall be abyll to withstond them bothe by the grace of Jhesu, ho ever have yow in hys blessyd kyping. At my pore Stowe, the xiiijth day of May.

Yowr awne in that y can, Thomas Graynfyld.

To his especyall Gode master, Syr Wyllm. Stonar, this be delivered.

268. RICHARD GERMYN TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[13 MAY, 1480]

As this letter relates to the estates of Agnes Stonor the date must be in 1480. John Speke was her cousin, and was clearly steward of some of her manors. As to Worthe, see the two previous letters. Richard Germyn, the writer, was a merchant at Exeter, and had been bailiff of the city (see *Early Chancery Proceedings*, 64/1042). From *A.C.*, xlv, 160.

Right Wurshipfull and Onerable Maister, y comaund me unto you. And where as ye wrete unto me to deliver youre letters in to the Gentilmen that thei be derected unto in Devonshire and Cornwale unto a trust a man, I shalle so deliver hem that youre wille and intent shal be fulfilled. And as yet Worthe hath not entred nor noght he shalle. Moreover, y late wrote you a letter and send him by oon John Symon, which gave you the orenge and marmelate at Exeter : which letter was delivered unto Lannos, skynner, in asmoche as ye be not at London. Y trust ye have him. Also ye wrete unto me to have youre plate, which is with Maister John at Wille : at your letteris deliverans he was not at home, but before Midsomer y schal bringe hit to London pakked in the carior's pakke of Exeter : so bi the grace of God y schal deliver you me seilf. And accordege to your letter y shal promyse to content him at Midsomer quarter of your Rentis. Furthermore, I have moved Speke, that ye comaundede me to reseve l. s. for this Ester rent, he sayinge this wordes : that ye at your departinge promysed him to sende your letter for his discharge under seale, or els he to pay no mony. So of him can y have no mony. Moreover he saith, that he

¹ *Sic* in MS.; read "we".

can holde no Courte at Wonford in to the tyme ye su a Travers.¹ And y teld hym so ye have done, and offered to have delivered him the writte which ye delivered me. At Tawnton on Saturday after Assencion day in hast,

Youre servant, Richard Germyn.

To my right wurshipfull and onerable Maister, Syr William Stonore, knyght, be this delivered.

269. WALTER ELMES TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

1480

The date is fixed by the reference to John Warde, who was sheriff of London in 1479-80. From *A.C.*, xlv, 153.

After my dewe recomaundacion, &c. Mr. Page recomaundyth him to yow, prayng yow to send the Bukk to Warde, Shreve and Aldyrman of London, dwellyng on Canynggesstrete, wher that Syr Rauff Joslyn dwellyd, and that Jamys myte kary hit: to whome I pray yow to take xxd., and I shall content hit, for the karyage, for Master Page wylls me so to do. And Jhesu kepe yow.

Yours to my power, W. Elmes.

To the Ryth wurshipfull Syr W. Stonor K.

270. RICHARD DREWE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1480]

This letter probably belongs to 1480 when Halmath Malyverer was sheriff of Devon. In 1482 Halmath Malyverer, late sheriff of Devon, brought an action in the Common Pleas against Richard Drewe, late of Ermington, yeo-

¹ A Travers was a denial of a fact alleged. A Travers of an Office was made to prove that an inquisition of lands or goods was defective.

man, for the delivery of a reasonable account for the time during which he was bailiff of the hundred of Ermington (*Placita de Banco*, Roll 880, m. 92, for Easter Term, 1482). Drewe was still bailiff in 1481 (see No. 284). Mathew was bailiff in 1473 (see No. 126). From *A.C.*, xlvi, 149.

Ryght worschypfull Master, y recommaunde me onto you, doying yow to wete that Master Malyverer hath take an accyon off a Counte agayn your bayly off Ermyngton by the informacyon off on Sowche, chere clerke onto the sayde Master Malyverer, and thay wolde compell your bayly to acounte wyth the sayde Scherve off the mercement wythyn your hunderd. and to compell your bayly to geder the mercement wythyn the sayde hunderd : and that was never don hebeffore : therfore y besече your Masterschyp to se the mene at thys terme, that y may be dyschargyd off thys accyon that ys agayn me, and off the whyche mater Thomas Mathew can infourme yow, for he hath byn your bayly afore thys tyme. Y-wrytyn att Ermyngton by your bayly,

Rychard Drewe.

Thys byll be deliveryd onto my Master, Syr Wyllyam Stoner, in hast.

271. WILLIAM GOLDWYN TO JOHN BYRELL

12 JUNE [1480]

The prescriptions were most probably intended for the second Lady Stonor, and the year will then be 1480. In printing the prescriptions it has seemed best to mark the expansions by the use of italic letters ; "ana" represents the Greek *ανά* (to the amount of), which is still used in modern prescriptions in the form *āā*. ; "epatice" is either the common liverwort or the hepatica ; "olorum" is presumably an error for "oleorum" ; "cicomorum" means wild figs ; "manus Christi" is apparently a drug, but does not seem to be identifiable ; "acedule" is also obscure. "℞," of course, stands for "Recipe".

William Goldwyn, in his will dated 2 June, 1482 (*P.C.C.*, 5 Logge), describes himself as "maister of art and Bacheller of fesyk" ; he directed that he should be buried in the Chapel of the Hospital of St. Thomas Acon, to which he bequeathed all his "books of fesyk to be chayned in the common Library for evermore". John Berell, "apotecary," was one of his executors. The will was proved on 8 June, 1482. John Berell, grocer, occurs in 1473 and 1487, and John Berell, junior, apothecary, in 1472 (*Letter Book*, L. 103, 113, 244). See also vol. i, p. xlv above. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 261.

R. *Sirroporum rosarum*, epatice, mirtillorum, an^a ʒiij. endiuie, compot. berberis, an^a ʒiiij. *aquarum pocclatarum* de stipitibus *rosarum*, *plantaginis*, mirtillorum, acedule, an^a ʒij. absinthii, foliorum quercus, an^a ʒjss. endiuie ʒiiij. *commisceantur*.

R. *olorum rosarum*, masticis, absinthii, Cicomorum, an^a ʒjss. mirtini ʒ. aceti ʒj. *commisceantur*.

R. masticis ʒj. *puluerizetur subtiliter et ponatur in cophino paupiri mundissimi*.

R. *manus christi ʒij*.

Syr, I recomende me unto yow, prayng yow as hertely as I may þat ye have over syzthe in þe serving of þys byll, as my truste ys in yow : for þys ys for a specyall Mastres of myn. And with þe grace of God hit schall not be longe or I see yow. And þen I purpose for to tary with yow. Wrytyn at Stoner þe xij day of June.

Mr. W. Goldwyn.

To John Byrell þe eldur, Poticary, Duellyng in Bucklers Bury, be þys byll delyverde.

272. RICHARD GERMYN TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[4 JULY, 1480]

Since this letter was clearly written in the summer, St. Thomas Day must mean 7th July, and since "my lady" must mean Agnes Stonor, 1480 is the only possible year. As to Worthe and Wolveston, see Nos. 267 and 268. Sir William Stonor visited Devonshire as Gernyn desired and was at Ermington, 1 August, 1480 (*Ch. Misc.*, 37, ix, 29, see p. 169 below). From *A.C.*, xlvi, 278.

Right Worshipfull and Onerable Maister, y comaund me unto you with alle suche servyse as y can or may. Please your Maistershipp have enknowliche, y have delivered your letters to John Hochyn and to William Baker : and y have caused them to wrete unto you a aunswer, which ye shalle reserve with this. Baker hath crese cloth, canvas hath he noon, which ye shall have and ye wille : but I wol advise you to by hit not to dure. Furthermore, William Baker told me,

when y com home, that Worthe hath promysed his son to mary with Richard Pomeray. But y can not thinke hit be so, for thei be within gre of mariage iij^{de} and iiij^e. He hath made his bost syne he cam home, as Colwodele told me, that he wol have Wolston or this somer be don. Many men questyn me where he was thurgh with you or no. And so did M. Speke also. And y told him what poyntment was made betwyne you and hym this terme. Your servant, Thomas Haiward of Wolston, spake with his man Wyse: and he told him that his Maister is ful determed in his mynde to set upon you in hast, yef ye acorde not. After my sympel advise hit were wel don this somer, that ye cam unto Wolston, and my lady with you, and 'to ly there: ye have whete y-now there for a while: hit shuld cause you to have love of the Gentilmen of the Shere, and Comyns also: and after that ever to have hit in pease. And so y trust ye shal, for all this his longage. And as I have more enknowliche of this mater, or of any other perteynyng unto you, y shal by the grace of Jhesu sende you worde, who kepe you, Amen. At Exeter, un Tuesday before Seint Thomas day.

From youre Servaunt, Richard Germyn.

To my right Wurshipfull and Onerable Maister, Syr William Stonere, Knyght, be this letter delivered in hast.

273. HENRY COLET TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

7 JULY [? 1480]

The writer is no doubt the well-known London merchant, who was father of Dean Colet. The reference is to a wardship, and the date is probably earlier than that of Nos. 276 and 282. For Thomas Pratt, see Nos. 103-5. The letter is holograph. It apparently belongs to the same year as No. 276. From *A.C.*, xlv, 201.

Right worshipfull Syr, I comaunde me unto you, and letyng you wete that I have receyvet your letter send to me by Hugh Unton, by the which letter I understand ye desire a gretter somme than ye graunt hir me by mouth your awne self. Syr, the trouth is this—I will aply somewhat to your intent: ye shall have for hir mariage and all the righth that shal long to hir sex score pound: and wher ye desire me to gete

yow ij suertes, ye shall have my service, and that ye shall well understand at oure next metyng. And how ye will be demenet of this child, I pray you send me word what I shall trust unto: for ye may understand by my writyng that I owe a love to the child, and loth to displese you. Syr, I have a bill deliveret me for payment made by you to Thomas Prat of Henley of xx. li., the which ye owe my lady Mountford: of the which bille ye and I shall agree well opon at oure next metyng. And almighty God have you in his kepyng. Written at London opon Seint Thomas Day at nyght at vij of Clok,
 be yowur owne Harry Colet.

To the right worshipfull syr Willyam Stonor, knyght, be thys delivered.

274. WILLIAM GOLDWYN TO LADY STONOR

18 JULY [1480]

This letter is probably a month later than No. 271, which seems to belong to 1480. But the fact that 18th July in that year was on a Tuesday presents some slight difficulty. Attached to the letter is a small slip with some medical direction; only a few words are legible: ". . . k vj sponfull . . . octua ys and menes. . . ." From *A.C.*, xlvi, 242.

Right worschypful and to me Synguler good lady, I recomende me unto yow: prayng yow to sende me a buck a Wedynsday next commyng acordyng to þe promyse that my Master and ye made at my laste beyng with yow: for a specyall frende of myn schall be maryde on Thursday nexte commyng, to þe wyche I have promysyde a buck: wherfor I pray yow þat he be not dispoyntyd. And my service schall be þe more redyer to yow at all tymys with þe grace of God, wyche have yow in kepynge. Wrytyn in haste þe xvij day of Jule,

By your servant, William Goldwyn.

Madam, I pray yow to speck to my Master for þe xvj. li. þat ys dew unto me.

To my lady Stonor, Be thys delyverede in haste.

275. H. MAKNEY TO [SIR WILLIAM STONOR]

[17 SEPT. 1480]

Clearly written to Sir William Stonor, and, from the reference to Lady Stonor's illness, probably in 1480. From *A.C.*, xlv, 180.

My Ryghte reverente and my syngler gode Maistire, aftire due recomendacion, Sire, pleasithe to wete þat my lady is in gode hele, blesside be Jhesu, and recomendide unto youe with alle here herte and mynde, and alle your servantes also, and praythe daily for your prosperite and wusshuppe, in especiall for your sone comynge home &c. Syr, your parke gothe welle onewarde in diking and in pale, your husbondrie in like wise, and befe and moten wex, and the state,¹ with alle odire vitaile, and specially money. Y pray youe remembre your lente stuffe. Y wulde have be with youe my selfe or þis tyme, but y ame so grevyde in my bakke þat y may nethe ride ne go. We hire of your grete and importune chargis latly leyde on youe, whiche causithe alle your frendis to be y-ryghte full sory therofe: but y beseche Jhesu contynue youe in honoure as ye have begon, and þat ye may furnysshe your selfe in alle abilymentes of werre lyke unto your ffelowschyppe beyng in rome as ye are in. And also my lady hath sente here water unto M. Derwothe to undirstonde his conceite, ande howe he demyth by here water whedir she be in wey of mending &c. On Soneday nexte afor sente Mathewes day, at Stonore.

Your servaunte, H. Makney.

To my Ryght Worshipfull Maister.

276. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

OCTOBER [1480]

The reference to All Hallow-tide shows that the month was October, and since the letter refers to the affairs of Agnes Stonor the year must be 1480. The reference to Colet points to a date later than that of No. 273. Since Lestan has ceased to be farmer of Horton, it must be later than Nos. 247 and 259. Probably the letter was written on either the 12 or 19 October

¹ Perhaps "stots," or it may be "stace" meaning "stock".

Richard and John Wynslade, or Wydeslade, were father and uncle of Lady Stonor's first husband. In *Early Chancery Proceedings*, 10/257, the latter is described as "John Wydeslade, senior, of London, gentilman"; he was a lawyer, and protonotary of the Court of Common Pleas. From *A.C.*, xlv, 189.

Plese it your mastership, after dew recommendacion, I have ressevyd your letter by my felow Makenay, by whiche letter ye have commaunded me to deliver hym a bill of an C. li. : and acordyng therto I have delivered hym the same byll, whiche is paiaable at Feverer next comyng. As for Mr. Colet, I spake with hym or your letter cam to me, and he gave yow day tyll after a halow tyde. Syr, as for the mater touchyng your mastership and Ric. Wynslade, John hys brother and y have sen the billes of the rekenyng uppon whiche we thynk necessary to have your mastership, my lady your wif, and Ric. Winslade to mete at London the viij day after alhalowtyde: acordyng therto John Wynslade hath sent to his brother to com heder. And Syr, me semys weldon ye and my lady cam at the same day, and to remembre you to purvey where my lady shalbe. Y remitt thys to your wisdom. I understand by your letter thentent of your mastership touchyng the remainyng of my ladies jointur. Syr, I have shewid myn opynyng to Makenay conseryng that mater, who will show your mastership myn entent. As for Lestan, your fermor that was at Horton, hath purveid your monay in substance, it wolbe well don ye send or bryng your byllis of rekenyng bytwene yow and hym, so that the verry dette may be clerely understand. Wete ye well I have dalt quitly with hym in that mater. Syr, y wold be right glad to se your mastership, for me semys long sens y saw yow, and so God spede me, who preserve you, and my lady, and all yours. Writen at London this Thursday with the hand of your

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To my master, Syr Wilm. Stonor, knyght for the kynges body.

277. JOHN RYSSHE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

1 DEC. [1480]

This seems to have been written shortly after the death of William Harleston on 4 November, 1480, see note on No. 260. But in that year 1 December

was on a Friday, so that Master Sillyarde (Harleston's nephew Sulyard, see No. 135) must have departed on the morning of the day that the letter was written. From *A.C.*, xlv, 197.

Shewyth unto your good Maisturshipp that on Thursday last passid ther was moche a doo bothe for the ap[pro]bate of the testament and also for the lande of my lady Harlston: but it is now put in a trete, and I truste to God bothe the lande and also the testament shall do well ynowe. But ther is and also hath byn moche sotell crafte for the same, and that bi them that ye thinke litill on. Wherefore I pray your Maisturshipp to take the labor, and faile not to be here as ye promysid on Monday at the ferthist, or rathir, and ye may, that ye may ride in all haste goodly over to my lady your Aunte, and then I truste to God ye shall have a god ende in the same: for I have devysid very good meanys for the accomplyssyng of your desire. Also, syr, M. Sillyarde departid hens on Friday in the mornynge, and he entendith to make as wise and as crafty labor as he can, when he comyth home. Whefor I wolde ye were there with hyr in all haste goodly, and then I trust to God all shalbe well: who preserve you to his pleasure. At London, the morowe next after Sant Andrex day.

Your owne servaunt John Rysshe.

The names of the Arbiturs	{	M. Page.	}	for you.
		Doctur Birte		
		Doctur Coke		
		M. Hoddesfeld		for hym.

To my right worshipfull Maistur, Sir Willm. Stoner, knyght for the Kynges body.

278. THOMAS ROTHERHAM, ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

13 DEC. [1480]

This letter apparently has reference to the Stewardship of Thame, so was probably written soon after Rotherham's translation from Lincoln to York, and may therefore be assigned to 1480. The last clause and signature are autograph. From *A.C.*, xlv, 205.

Right wellbeloved, I commaund me to you, trustyng to a seen you or
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this according to your promise. Wherfore I send my servaunt to you. I have made promise of paymentes, also have gret charges ageyn the season, and yet I here not of my receyvour. Praying you to send me by my said servaunt the mony, or ellys a gret part of it, as my trust is in you. God kepe you. From Battersay the xiiijth day of Decembre.

And I had not gret nede I wolde not have sende to you att this tyme. I prey you [ha]rttely to remembyr mee now as ye wyll I doo for you herafftyr.

T. Ebor.

To my right welbeloved Sir William Stoner, knyght.

279. THE VICAR OF ERMINGTON AND OTHERS TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

16 DEC. [? 1480]

The date cannot be earlier than 1478. If, as is possible, the vacancy in the Chantry is the same as the one referred to in No. 281, it will be 1480. The vicar of Ermington is in that case John Edgcombe, see No. 286. For the sequel see No. 291. The chantry was possibly in the Chapel of St. Mary in the churchyard, the presentation to which belonged to the Stonors, see vol. i, p. xiv. From *A.C.*, xlv, 155.

Ryght worshypfull maister, We recommaunde us unto your gode maistershypp: plesse hyt yow to understond that your Chaunterie of Ermyngton ys voyde by þe dethe of syr John Kelowe, whych voydens as we understond belongyth to your presentacion: yf hit wyll please yow: your tittle of ryght, as your mastershypp sayde þat ye wo d geve hyt at the nexte avoydens, nowe hyt ys yn season: we understond that youre right ys as gode to present þe forsayde Chaunterie, as ye have the advouson of the parsonage there. Also we pray yow hartely, that your maistershypp wyll present an honest pryst, whych hath dwellyd amongys us by the space of ij or iiij yere, well dysposyd and of gode conversacion: whych pryst shalbe att your commaundment at al seasons there: whych ys callyd Syr Ric. Knyght, now abydyng amaungys us. And the rather thys be don, all the better for your tittle. Butt we fere lest John Hyll and his feffes wyll present before yow. Notwithstandyng we be dysposyd to put us yn dever to resyst soche an oon as thay wyll present, whatsumever he be, as ferr as owre power may extende, tyll we under-

stond how your maistershypppe wylbe dysposyd by þe grace of God,
whom have yow yn his blessyd kepyng. I-wrete att Ermyngton þe xvj
day of Decembre.

By your Chapelyn þe Vyc. of Ermyngton,
William Fortescu,
William Strechlegh, the older,
William Strechlegh, þe younger.
Adam Byrde,
John Trych,
John Huchyn,
Walter Frende, with all oþer your
servantes and loveers.

Thys letter be delivered to William Stonore, knyght, yn hast.

280. WILLIAM SUTTON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1480-83]

William Sutton, D.D., of Oxford, was proctor in 1467, and Commissary of the University in 1480 and the four subsequent years; he occurs as Commissary in the Proctor's accounts for 10 May, 1481 to 17 April, 1482, and for 17 April, 1482 to 9 April, 1483.¹ He also occurs as Commissary on 20 Dec., 1482. Sutton was Principal of Brasenose Hall in 1480, and died in 1502. He probably wrote this letter in his official capacity as Commissary. From *A.C.*, xlii, 215.

Aftur reverent recommendacion. Plesyt yow to have knolege that my lord Chansler of Oxon desyrt me at his last departyng from Oxon to remembyr yow of the mater concernyng a pore gentylwoman callyt Alys Poche, that 3e wold be hyr gud maystur as 3e have be afore tyme in the way of ryght and consiens: and if 3e so be he wyll do yow as grete a plesure. And yf hyt lyke yow to tendur hyr anythyng at my pore request, 3e bynd me to do for yow and yowres anythyng that lyse in power, with Goddes grace, who ever kepe yow.

Will^m Sutton, preist.

To mayster Willm. Stoner, knyght.

¹ Information supplied by Mr. R. L. Poole, keeper of the Archives. See also Wood, *Fasti*, 63, ii, 728, and *Epistolae Academicae*, 487. The Commissary usually entered office in the week after Easter week.

281. SIR JAMES TYRELL TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1480-82 ?]

This is a holograph letter from Sir James Tyrell, the suspected murderer of the princes in the Tower, who was at this time in the service of Richard, Duke of Gloucester. His wife, Anne, was a daughter of Dame Katherine Arundell (see No. 125), which explains why he calls Stonor cousin. The writing is very faded and difficult to decipher. The date may be between 1480 and 1482. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 216.

Cosyn Stonor, I recommaunde me onto 3ow. And Syr, I have re-sayvyd 3owre lettyr. The entente werof I have schewyd accordyng to soche comynycasyon as I hadde wan [3ow] and I wer togedyr: and my lorde hath herde the excuse of my cosyn, 3owr brothy, and full corteysely delydde with hym, and bettyr than he cowde persayve in the begynnyng: bot aftyr all was well, hys deute undyrstonde and don, my lorde his god lorde: and so I troste he wyll appon deservyng contynew. And any othyr thyng I can do to 3owr plesyr I schall be gladde, prayyng 3ow to remembyr [me]: and in my moste herty wyse I thanke 3ow for 3owr remembryans syn I was last with 3ow. I pray 3ow of contyneuance as I shall be 3owrs in that I can or may.

Jamys Tyrell.

To my cosyn Syr Wylyam Stonor, knyght.

282. WALTER ELMES TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[3 JAN. 1481]

The letter contains an obvious reference to the arrangements for the wardship of the Fenns. The appointment of the fresh trustees took place on 7 April, 1481 (*Letter Book*, L. 176; see also No. 287). This points to 3 Jan., 1481, as the date for this letter. The reference to the Exeter Almshouse (see Nos. 285 and 289) makes an earlier date impossible, and a later one unlikely. The date, 1481, confirms (by the reference to Colet) the dates assigned to Nos. 273 and 276. Agas Lovell may be one of the Lovell wards referred to in No. 237. Hugh and Margaret are the Fenns. From *A.C.*, xlvi., 154.

After all dewe recommendacion, plesyth hit yow to undyrstond that I merveyle gretely þat ye send not Thomas Mathewe with the evydens &c. Thonkyng yow all weys of youre grete bownteowsnesse unto me and in especyall of your offer to me grauntyd : wherfor I am bownd to be your trewe servaunt, and Bedeman whylys I lyve. Syr, I have remembryd me of your comynycacion of Agas Lovell, whome, yf hit lykyd yow that I myte have undyr the forme folowyng, I trust hit shuld be to yow moste proffyte and avayle, and I and all myn to be your perpetuall Bedemen : yff hit lyke yow to take me CCCC. li. accordyng to your offre, I shall fynd yow suerte to pay yow att viij yeres end your CCCC. li. ageyne, and CCCCC. marcs for the ward of the seyde Agas, wych wull drawe nye to the hole stokke of your ij chyldryn, Hewe and Margarete : and so there stok shall be redy at all tymes, with the on half in myne hondys, and that othyr half now in your owne hondes, at your day to do þat with what ye wull, and thus shall ye be purveyd of money and your stokk not brokyn. And as for the contentacion of Harry Colett, yf hit lyke yow to delyver me the next obligacion of Betson of C. li., I shall at my charge schevyshe so much and rathyr than fayle the hole : so now lakkyth non other but suerte in the Yeld hall, wych wull be gevyn apon such feoffement as ye spake of. Syr, I beseche yow remembre this, and bete hit ryth well in your mynd. And I trust hit shalbe your avayle and wurshuppe both to make your power alye, wych shall ever be bownd to pray for yow, and so ¹ yow the profyte and wurshuppe, and to me and myn a makyng for ever. Syr, yf this wey lyke yow, I pray yow to send me a byll fro yow to your Almes hows at Exeter, that I may þe sonner spede mee for Harry Colettes payment. Furthermore, I beseche yow that þis sympyll byll may recommaund me my good lady, your wyffe, and to all yowrs. And our blessyd lord hold his holy hand over yow and them with long lyff and grete wurshupp here to endure, Amen. I trust, thou I be fer fro yow, that þis lytyll byll [wull cause]² this cold whedere, and my erand wull make me and shew me present. Scrybyld with hond of hym þat is yowr servaunt to the extreme of my lytyll power.

W. Elmes.

At Andever the Wenesday after Newe Yeres day at vj at Clokk in þe mornyng.

To my ryth wurshipfull Master, Syr Wylyam Stonor, knyth for the kynges Body.

¹ So MS., apparently an error either for "so to" or for "to".

² These two words have been crossed out; probably Elmes meant to erase this "cold whedere" also.

283. LEASE OF THE MILL AT WATLINGTON

7 FEB. 1481

ABSTRACT. Indenture whereby William Stonor, knight, and John Wroughton, squire, and Henry Dogett, his feoffees, lease to Christopher Holand of Thame the messuage and horse-mill at Watlyngton, wherein Richard Good now dwells, for a term of eighty years from Michaelmas next, at a rent of 26s. 8d. payable in equal portions at Lady Day and Michaelmas. Holand agrees to repair sufficiently the mill at Stonor's cost, and at the end of the term to hand it over so repaired. If the rent is a quarter in arrear Stonor may distrain. If Holand dies within the term the lease is void. Dated at Watlyngton, 7th February, 20 Edward iv.

From *Ancient Deeds*, C. 124; the seal is lost.

284. RICHARD GERMYN TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

3 APRIL, 1481

The reference to Sunday, 1st April, fixes the year for 1481, and so helps to determine the dates of all this series of Letters. As to the Exeter Almhouse see further No. 285. John Agecomb or Edgcombe was Residentiary of Exeter and Vicar of Ermington, see No. 285. Christopher Coke was a lawyer who joined with Richard Page in a recovery of the manor of Berkden against William and Agnes Stonor (ap. *Ch. Misc.* 37, iv., 40, see p. 169 below). For "Master Edmund," see No. 194. From *A.C.* xlvi, 162.

Right Onerable and worshipfull Maister, y comaund me unto you with alle suche servise as y can or may, letinge your Maistership have enknowliche that Maister John Agecomb is decessed un Sondag the ffurst day of Averell. Many men have spoken to me that y shuld labour unto you for Ermyngton. And y told hem that ye have geven hit unto Maister Edmund, and wol in-proper hit to youre Chapel of Stoner: and so have y aunswerd them. Moreover, Maister Drew hath wreten a letter unto my lady, that he wol do help my saide lady of hir sekenesse, and to com unto hir at his own cost and to geve hir a du attendauns, with that hit pleased you to geve him this saide benfys. And y have saide unto him, that his letter is wreten in vayne. And

also y wrote a letter unto youre Maistership, which was delivered unto Lannoys, skynner, the furst weke in Clene Lente: y trust ye have him. For as to any man or men, here wolle noon be gotten, as y wrote unto you: savinge ther is oon Vyncent, a servaunt of my lady is, a gode archer, y suppose he wolle com unto you: but horse nother harnys hath he noon nor mony. Aray him ye must at your own cost, yef he com. Jakys shal bringe you the serteynte of his comynge. And y trust that at M. Elmes comyng that ye wol assigne whom hit please you to occupy the ruel of your Almeshous, for y may no longer occupy hit nor can not; my besenesse wol be suche here after: for y must attende my ocupacion; for my servant which had the gedinge of my shoppe is fro me, and with me hath be to longe, for y am the worse for him y can not tell how moche me seilf. And as to the deth of Cristoffer Coke, y suppose ye have enknowliche: un who is soule God take mercy. Y pray your Maistership that this my letter may comaund me unto my lady, to whom y pray Godde sende hele and comfort, who have you in his keping. At Exeter in hast the iij day of Averelle.

Your servant Richard Germyn.

Unto my right Onerable and worshipful Maister, Syr William Stonore, knyght, at London in the Old bailly.

285. RICHARD GERMYN TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

7 APRIL [1481]

The reference to the Almshouse seems to show that this belongs to the same year as Nos. 284 and 289; moreover, it could hardly have been written in April, 1480, which is the only other possible year. "My lord Markas" is the Marquis of Dorset, who had lands in Devonshire; Agnes Stonor's land at Clyst was held of him. The vacancy in the Chantry may be the one referred to in Nos. 279 and 291. Thomas Haiward was bailiff at Wdlveston, see No. 272. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 161.

Right Wurshipfull and Onerable Maister, y comaund me unto you with alle suche servyse as y can or may. Please your maistership have enknowliche here y sende the copy of a writte, which is agayn you at the Kinge is sute in Devonshire uppon the *Deum claus. extr.*,¹ which was

¹ *sc.* Diem clausit extremum.

taken before the Escaetour. As the writte maketh mension, see ye the meane to have hit oute of the Chekour, for ye go to a grete mersement ; and more ye had, and y had not sarched therfore. Also I moved you at my last being at Stonore that my lord Markas his officer hath distrayned your tenaunt at Clist, and clemeth a mersshe, the third flote in alle the said mersshe, where as he nor noon of his ancetours oute of tyme that no mynde is never had : and y told you that y had apoynted with Broun his auditour, that the seid mersshe shuld ly voyde and not to be occupyed in to the tyme that my lorde and ye hadde spoken together : hit wer wel doon that ye moved my lord of, and to cause him to write a letter unto Thomas Hexte, his stuard, so that your londe may be sette. Ther is oon John Wyndbow, which is my lord is tenant, and holdith moche lond of you, he clemeth this londe, sayng that hit shuld be longing to his place whiche he holdith of my lorde, and he is causer of alle this. Ye comaundid me that y shuld warne him oute of alle suche londes as he holdith of you : and so have y doon : have ye this mater in remembrauns. Furthermore y send you worde by Thomas Mathu, that ther was a almeshous fallen, which shuld be youre geft : y hure no more synne of. And so stont hit own-gevyng as yet. And now a nother also, what ye wille shal be doon there in : hit wer wel doon that ye wrote a letter unto M. Speke ther of. Your Maistership gave unto me the next avoydens of oon pore man, and ye remember, in your stode at Stonore before your cosyn, Walter Elmys : in lasse then ye wrete unto the seid M. Speke, he will noon admytte. Moreover, your chauntry prest of Ermyngton is admytted into the seid your chantry : y made his presentacion, and my lorde is officers admitted him. And ye be the grettist man with my lord, and in his consaite : because of your hors geven and your attendauns unto him at London, that he may do and al his men ye may have : his servantes reportith of you that ye be the courtys knyght, that ever thei sawe, where of y am glad. Also ye wrote a letter unto me that y schuld content M. Speke, xx. li., wherof y have contented him on this quarter rent of Cristismas xvj. li. iij. s. iij. d., as y shal shew you at my nexte comyng ever passed off my resaite, and as I bede Thomas Mathu to infurme you. The remenaunt he shal have this quarter of Ester rentes, and then he is content. And as to your tenaunts in Cornwale, thei be as trew unto you as y can understand as any tenauntes that ye have. And as to John Meger, he wille com and speke with you at suche tyme as y come, and that shal be, by the grace of God, before Wytuesday, and bringe his Obligacion. And as to youre wode there, Thomas Haiward wolle geve you xx. li., save

ye shall cope hit at youre cost : or els he to cope hit and to pay you xvij. li. And no peny more wol he geve. Yet ye muste geve him daies of payment, Mighelmas next comyng x. li., and thenext Mighelmas after the remenaunt. And yef hit leke you that he shal have hit at this price, ye must wrete your letter to him, so that he may fille hit before holy Rode day now comyng, or els he can not fille hit alle this yere. And as for your whete there, y have made Thomas Haiward to sille hit to your most advaile, of which ye shal have enknowlich, when y come. Also your place at Clist is in divers places owver heled : wher ye wol that y shalle set workmen uppon hit or no, y wold have enknowlich. There after your comaundement will y do. Richard Wideslade willith me to pay him this quarter v. li, which he saith hit is youre covaunt : and he wolle deliver me your Obligacion of so moche mony : and he desirith xij. s. iiij. d. for his fee at Wulston : wher ye will y shal pay him or no, y wold have enkpowliche fro you, or els he shal noon have. ij lettres have y wreten unto you synne the first weke of Clene laynte, and yet had y never answer nor letter fro you. For goddis sake remember ye to move my lord Markas ffor this your mersshe, so that he may directe his letter unto Thomas Hext or unto Speke, for he is my lord is Resever late made by the deth of Geffrey Bedwelle. No more to you at this tyme, but alle myghty God be ever youre gode spede. At Exeter un the vij^e day of April.

your Servaunt Richard Germyn.

To the right wurshipfull and Onerable Maister, Sir William Stonore, knyghte, be this delivered.

286. RICHARD SALTER TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

11 APRIL [1481]

The year is fixed by No. 284, where it is stated that John Edgcombe (or Agecomb) died on 1 April. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 279.

Ryght worshypfull Syr, and my specyall good master, I commaunde me to yow and where hyt ys so as I am enformyd þat on doctor Eggecombe, late resydencyare of Exeter, is decesyd, þe whyche hadde a benefyce callyd Ermynton in Devonshyre of your patronage, now beyng

voyde, þe whyche I have harde reporte 3e entende to apropure or to have lycence to make a chauntre or ij off, to þe whyche I am enformyd þe bysshoppe woll in no wyse assent: wherfore yff 3e kan notte opteyn your purpose, butte moste nedys gyff hytte, yff hytte wold plesse yow to have me rememburyd þerunto, I were ever bounden to be your beddemann, and to pray for yow, as God knowyth, who ever preserve yow, Amen. Wryton in hast þe xj day of Aprile. I pray yow geve credens to þe berer heroff.

Your one to hys power, Richard Salter, doctor.

To the ryght worshipfull Syr William Stonor, knyght, þis byll be delyveryd.

287. WALTER ELMES TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

13 APRIL [1481]

This letter was clearly written shortly before No. 288, and since that letter was written the day after Palm Sunday, the only possible year is 1481. This agrees with the reference to Bradbury, who took over the bond for the Fennes on 7 April, 1481. In 1481 the 13 April was a Friday, which also suits this letter. From *A.C.*, xlv, 152.

Aftyr all humble recommendacion. I certyfye yow þat Wheteley hath sheywyd to my lord of Gloucester and his Councell your labor in serchyng dyvers townys. And they marveyle that ye have sowth them ther, and say that yf ye wold ye kowde goo thydyr wer they be and fett them. Yf ye have very and trewe word that they be in Centwary, yf ye so certyfye I thinke ye shalbe excusyd. And thus is a sure wey for all partys. As for the cople of the byll, þat is put ayenst yow, I send you the cople thereof. As for youre mater of the grete summe, I pray yow to pondre in youre owne mynde wich of the ij weyys ye lyke best and I shall be glad to performe your entent. Wherefore I pray yow to wryte me certeynly wych of thes ij weyys ye wull take, for in this mater I wull nothyng take apon my sylfe, but wych ye wull have done shall be done: and that I may have redy wrytyng fro yow at furthyst by Sonday none, that I may make a ende on Monday, for then my hors wulbe with me: my howswyffe thouthe never so long after me, and

lokyth her tyme every day : wherefore I wull no longer tary than Monday. As for Bradbury wull delyver yow in on yere for all v yeres in stuffe, yf ye nede, and I kan have no more money of them till ther wrytyng be made uppe : and so I kan not pay Master Powle. And yf ye wull that Bradbury have hit not, I pray yow send all them iiij a letter, howe ye fere to dele with them for your jeoparde and theres for fere of þe kyng : wych shall be a excuse for me also. They wull be loth to leve the money I fere me, now they have yt. And yf ye dele not with them, ye must be her in hast to be suerte with that othyr persones and discharge thos othyr or ye have þe money. I remytte all to your wysdome, and þat I may sone have word fro yow. John Cheynye is owt a hawkyng, as sone as he comyth home I shall delyver yowr letter. The Kyng purposyth to be at W[ynd]sore. In hast as I hope my lady is in good hele, and all yours. No more to yow at this tyme, but almyty Jesu preserve [yow]. At London þ^e xiiij¹ day of Apryll in hast.

Yours to my lytyll powere W. Elmes.

I have delyvered my Lord Chaunceler the money : but I kanne have no letter of hym. He is so bysye with the Kyng. He would have sene my lorde pray seale letter² fayne afore.

To my worshipffyll Master Sir W. Stonore, knyth for the Kyngs body.

288. WALTER ELMES TO [SIR WILLIAM STONOR]

[16 APRIL, 1481]

This was clearly written a few days after the previous letter, to Sir William Stonor. Consequently the year must be 1481, as the only possible year in which Palm Sunday was later than 13 April. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 45.

After all humble recommendacion &c. I have spokyn with John Harecort, and he sweryth he wull do for yow, and purposyth to sytt in the Ester wyke, but he wuld fayne have Stepenhyth endityd : but þat shuld not help your mayne. Sir W. Norreys wull do for yow, and sey whatt he kanne. Ye must be here fore the newe Reconisaunce. I wrote to yow þat Bradbury wull delyvere your gayne in stuffe and ware,

¹ Elmes first wrote "xij"; and then added a third minim making "xijj".

² *i.e.*, a warrant for the great seal

but not in money. I purpose to be homwarde to morowe, yf I may, and shall do and make all thynges suere as by woode advyse kan be made or I goo. If ye have any certeynte of your men I wuld advyse yow to come shewe hit, for my lord of Gloucester, my lord Chamberleyne be gon, and now be her your trendys. No more to yow, but Jhesu preserve yow. At London the morowe after Palme Sunday. I purpose to come home bye Wynsore and fett your money.

Your servaunt W. Elmes.

No endorsement.

289. RICHARD GERMYN TO DAME AGNES STONOR

1 MAY [1481]

This was clearly written to the second Lady Stonor, and no doubt in the same year as No. 285. Agnes Stonor died on 5 May, and can never have received the letter. Her grandfather, William Wynnard, who died in 1447, founded an Almhouse at Exeter for twelve poor men, to be chosen by his heirs. See *Records of the City of Exeter*, pp. 278-9, *Hist. MSS. Comm.*; and Oliver, *Monasticon Dioc. Exon.*, p. 404. From *A.C.*, xlv, 241.

Right Worshipfull and Reverent Madam, I commaund me unto you with alle suche servyse as y can or may. Hit is so that oon of youre poremen is decessed, whiche is Pryns. And ye remember ye graunted syr John Yotte the next avoidens at your departing. He praiyth you to remember hym, that he might have these hous, which was Pryns is hous, as ever he may hereafter do at your comaundment or desire, as ye knew right well he hath doon for you herebefore. And now his trust is to be remembred at this tyme according to your promyse at hit (*sic*) last speking with you. And also my Maister, your husbond that was, granted oon to the Sudden, and another the Old Reynold, which have called upon me to (be)¹ admytted in to this said hous: and y have aunswerd them alle that y wolle admitte noon in to the tyme that my Maister and ye send me youre comaundment wham I shalle admitte in. Hit is youre, ye may geve it to wham hit pleasith you. Moreover, I hertly pray you, as ever y shal ow you my servyse, to remember my letter which y wrote unto you by Jakys, which oon mater was your

¹ "be" omitted in MS.

corne, and the other mater was that my Maister and ye shuld send a man to reseve this Ester Rent of your londes of your Almshous for the payment of youre poremen and priest, and the geding therof. For I may no longer occupy hit, nor noght wolle. I must attend my own besenesse, as I wrote unto youre ladship: he that was my man is from me, and by any thinge that y know y am xx^{ti} li, the worse for him. For which cause y pray you remember ye my lost, and not to awe me your hevvy ladship, as my trust is y have not deserved. And y shal induce him that shal occupy the rule and gedinge of your almshous so that he shal gede hit beter than ever y ded. And let him com a down so that he may be at Exeter iiij wekes uppon this Ester: ¹ and to gether uppe the rent to this hous belonging. And y shal shew hym alle youre londes, so that ye shal know your londes fro myn, by the grace of Jhesu: and preserve me seilf a tru man for alle the report that is made of me unto my Maister, to wham y pray you to comaund me. And of this my letter and of your welfare y wold desire to have sume knowlich: and how ye do in your fesik. And yef ther be any servyse that ye wolle comaund me to do here in your absens or els where, ye shal alway fynde me a redy to do your comaundment, as wel as though y didde occupy this office under you. Remember ye wel, ye must hastily to admitte a poreman in Pryns is hous withoute any delay, wham hit pleasith you: and to assigne him that shall be Resever to pay this next payment, which wol be within this iij wekes: for y wol pay no mo paymentes after these, which is the day of my letter wretinge, the ffurst day of May. And y wold that hit plesed my Maister and you to let Thomas Mathu be Resever of the Almshous. And Jhesu have you in his keping and send you as gode hele as y wold have my seilf.

Your man Ric. Ger[myn].

To my lady Stonor in hast be this delivered.

290. THOMAS RESTWOLD TO [SIR WILLIAM STONOR]

[1480-81]

This letter was no doubt addressed to Sir William Stonor, probably after the death of his first or second wife. The age ("xxvij yere") of the lady to

¹ Easter Day in 1481 was 22 April.

whom it refers would suit Agnes Wydeslade, who had more than 500 marks of land ; but since she was a widow when Stonor married her, it probably does not refer to her. The age shows that it cannot refer to Anne Neville, who was only about twenty years of age when she married. Probably therefore this letter refers to some other lady altogether. From *A.C.*, xlv, 69.

Ryght worshipfull syr, and cosyn, y recommaunde me unto you. Syr, I mevyd my lord of the mater that ye desyryd me, and he told me that he had hird of her that she was so fowle that Parker wuld none of her : wherfore my lord thowght she wer nat for you, though she had v c. markes of lande. Then y desiryd his lordshippe that he wold send for Page, for y supposid he cowde tell the trowth. My lord dyd so, and Page sey:h she ys but lytyll and sumwhat rownde a goode woman and well disposid, save only that she ys sumtyme vexyd with the moder, as ye have hird, and ys xxvij yere of age. My lord thynkyth she wer fore you, if you be pleased, for his opynyon ys that beryng of children shuld ease hire infirmyte, and so ye be much beholden unto my lord. In hast at London.

Your owne, Thos. Restwold.

No endorsement.

291. THOMAS MOLEYNS TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 20 JUNE, 1481]

The date is probably six months later than No. 279, and if that letter is correctly assigned to Dec., 1480, this must have been written on 20 June, 1481. From *A.C.*, xlv, 182.

Right worshipfull Master, I recommaund me unto your mastership : please it you to understond that now in the begynnyng of this terme one John Hyll, Squyer, suyth a *Quare impedit* ayenst you in Devonshire, supposyng by his writ that ye desturbe and let hym to present his clerke to the free Chauntry of Ermyngton, which longyth to his presentacion, as he supposith by hys wryt : I know nether your title, nether his, I pray you to send me a bill of the mater of your title therto, if ye have title, that your counseill may know it, or nede be to plede. I shall do alle that lith in me to do for your mastership, by the

grace of God, who gyf your mastership as well to fare as your hert can thyнке, Amen. By your servant to my symple power

Th. Moleyns.

Wretyn at London on Wednysday next before Midsomerday.

To my right worshipfull master, Sir William Stonore, knyghte.

292. JOHN YAXLEE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 8 JULY, 1481].

This was probably written after the death of William Harleston on 4 Nov., 1480 (see note on No. 260). So 1481 is possible, but it may be later. The writer is perhaps the John Yaxley or Yaksley, who was a lawyer and was made a Sergeant-at-law in 1495 (*Chron. Lond.*, p. 208). From *A.C.*, xlvi, 223.

Ryght reverent and worshipfull Sere, I recomaund me to zou &c. Sere, my Mastres Harlston recomaundyth here to zou: and I am sure she wilbe glad iff I tell here of your prosperous welfare, whan I come home: for in good feyth, sere, she was very full off thought and ferd lest ze had ben sore seke or gretly diseasid, be cause she coud not here from your good Mastership many a day. Werfor she desired me feythfully þat I shuld inquire of your welfare, of þe which I have herd at London þe certente, thankyd be Jhesu, ho have your seid worshipful mastership in kepyng. Wreten at London, þe mornynge next after Seint Thomas Day with þe rude hand of your feyþefull servaunt, hos name is John Yaxlee.

To my ryght reveren[t and] worshipful master Sere Willm. Stoner, in hast delyvered.

293. THE QUEEN TO THE FORESTER OF BLAKMORE

19 AUGUST, 1481

From *A.C.*, xlv, 64.

By the Quene.

We wol and charge you that ye deliver or do to be delivered unto oure trusty and welbeloved Syr William Stoner, knyght, or unto the

bringer herof in his name, one buk of this season : to be taken of our gifte within our Forest of Blakmore, any restraunte or commaundement to you directed to the contrary herof notwithstanding. And thise oure letters shalbe your sufficient warrant animpst us in that behalve. Yeven under oure signet at my Lordes Castell of Wyndesore the xix day of August the xxj yere of my said lordes Reigne.

To our trusty and welbeloved the maistre fforster of oure fforest of Blakmore, and to all other fforsters and keepers there in his absence, and to every of tham.

294. MARY BARANTYNE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[13 Nov. 1481]

John Barantyne of Little Haseley, Chalgrove and Churchill, son of Drue Barantyne by Jane, daughter of Sir John Wroughton, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheiress of Sir Stephen Popham. He died on 30 June, 1474 (*Chancery Inq. p.m.*, Edward IV., file 50, no. 36). On 5 Aug., 1475, Richard Frebodie and others were accused of having abducted Elizabeth, widow of John Barantyne, by force from the House of the Friars Preachers in London (*Early Chancery Proceedings*, 52/3). In his will (dated 28 June, 1474, proved 8 April, 1477) John Barantyne directed that his sons, John the elder, Austyn, and John the younger, and his daughter Anne, should "be ruled and guyded by Elizabeth, my wife," who was to hold all his lands for life, except lands in Chalgrove purchased of Sir Richard Harcourt, and lands in Goldore called Symyuns lands, purchased of Alice, Duchess of Suffolk, which John his son and heir was to have (*P.C.C.*, Wattys, 34). All the children were under age; John the elder was returned as fourteen years of age and more in October, 1474. A document in *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 20 gives particulars "for the astate to Marie Barantyne" which are thus summarised: "Of Seyntcleres lond in Chalgrove, lx. s. Symeons in Goldore, lxxj. s. viij. d. And of Atyndon in the paroch. of Thame, lxxij. s. viij. d. Summa, x. li. For my mastres Marie Barantynes joyntour." From No. 172 it would appear that the marriage took place before 22 Oct., 1476, when John Barantyne's widow seems to have been married to Sir John Boteler; in No. 310 it is implied that it took place before the death of John Barantyne the elder. Mary Barantyne's son William was born on 31 Dec., 1481; John Parson remembered that at his christening there was a fire in the belfry, by which the midwife stripped the child, and that Sir William Stonor, who was godfather, said the child loved it (*Cal. Inquisitions*, Henry VII., ii, 6). This points to 1481 as the probable

year for this letter; in 1481 the feast of St. Hugh (17 Nov.) was on a Saturday. It is probable that John and Mary Barantyne were both at this time still under age and so under the control of Elizabeth Barantyne (or Boteler)—see Nos. 310 and 311. In May, 1482, there was a suit brought in the Common Pleas by Thomas Danvers against John Barantyne as to the manor of Wynnale and lands in Wynnale and Henton, which was settled by the sale to Danvers on 8 May, 1482, of the manor together with lands in Wynnale, Shynnor and Henton (*Placita de Banco*, Roll 880, m. 481, and *Rotulus de Cartis*, m. 2). Mary Barantyne's letter probably has reference to this transaction. John Barantyne and his mother were involved in much litigation at this time; as to "Seynclere's lands" in a friendly suit with Sir Richard Harcourt; and with John Nowers as to the manor of Churchill (*id.*, Roll 881, mm. 296, 451, and *Rotulus de Cartis*, m. 2; see also Roll 876, mm. 443, 444 as to lands in Aston Torold and Northmorton, and the manor of Attyndon).

The body of the letter and the signature are all in the same hand, which is unusually good and probably that of a professional scribe. From *A.C.*, xlv, 134.

Ryght reverent and worschypfull brother, I recomende me unto yow as hertely as I can: thankyng yow of yowr good brotherhed to me before thys tyme schewyd, wyche I pray yow of contynuaunce: lettyng yow wytt, as I ham informyd, that my husbonde be the mevyng, procuryng, and struyng of my lady hys modyr, that they wull syll serteyne of my husbondes lyvelode: what hytt ys I cannot informe yow, but as a credebyll man that schulde know be my reson hytt schulde be Henton: wherfor I beseche yow and requyre yow, as ye ar a trewe Goddes knyth and the Kyngges, that ye avyse and counsell my seyde husbond the contrary, so beyng dysposyd, as my very tryste is in yow: for I thonke God we have feyr yssew, and by possybylte be lyke to have: and I beseche yow that thys seyde counsell and avyse cum by your selfe, and not of me in no wyse. And I shall pray to God for yowre honor and welfare, wyche preserve yow bodely and gostely. I-wrytyn att Lytyll Haseley the Tewseday before the feste of seynt Hewe the bysshoppe.

By your owne syster, Mare Barantyne.

To my rygth reverent and worshypfull brother, Syr Willm. Stonor, knyth, be thys bylle delyverede.

295. ROBERT BARDESEY TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

16 Nov. [? 1481]

Robert Bardesey is probably the Robert Bardesey of Wallingford, who died in 1482 (*Cal. Ing. p.m.*, iv, 408). William Abell, fishmonger, of Queenhithe, was dead before the summer of 1482, when his wife Elizabeth had married again (*Placita de Banco*, Roll 881, m. 528; cf. *Letter Book*, L., p. 214). The date of this letter cannot therefore be later than 1481, and may be 1480. For Robert Warner see Nos. 203, 205 and 206. From *A.C.*, xlv, 135.

Right honourable Sir, and my especiall gode Maister, I hertily commaund me to you: lattyng your Maistership to wytte that one Robert Warner of Watlyngton, now dede, was endetted unto a especiall gode frend of myne, William Abell of London dewellyng at Quenehith, in the summe of xvij. li. xij. d., the parcelles whereof I send unto your maistership enclosed herein: and for that it is do me to understande your maistership or other by you assigned have the disposicion and administracion of his godes; wich William Abell is visited grete with sekenes and especially with a palsey, whereof I am full sory, and his wyfe and all his frendes therefore in grete hevynesse, so that he him self may not laboure for the recovering of his dettis: and therefore his wyfe, which is a veray gode and a wytty woman and full well cheriseth him now in his sekenesse, hath prayed me and me instanced gretely to write unto your maistership to fynde the meane that her husbond and she might be contented of the seide duetee: and therefore I besech you of your seide gode maistership, that by the meanes thereof they may be contented of their seide duetee, and I feithfully promyt unto your maistership that they therfore shall do you a pleasure. Besechyng your seide Maistership to hold me excused in that I this boldly take upon me to write unto yow herein: and allmyghty Jhesu have you in his blessed keeping. Writtyn at London the xvj day of Novembre,

By your servaunt Robt. Bardesey.

To my right honorable and especiall gode maister, Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght.

296. SIR WILLIAM STONOR TO HARRY DOGETT

23 DEC. 1481

From *A.C.*, xlvi, 130.

My old frynd, I recommaund me unto you. Syr, I have resseyvyd a bylle fro my cosyn Elmes, wyche cam fro you, so my seyde cosyn seth, he vyll sele to the doctor, and wyllyth me to make yov a suffycient varant for the x. li. Syr, by this bylle, vryt with my own hand on Crist[mas] Eve ys Eve Anno regni regis E. iiijth xxj^o, I vylle at the nexte reseyte by my cosyn Elmes ye be content, and this wryt with my ovne hand shalbe his sufficient dyscharge, he so contenteyng yov the sume of x. li. My trust ys I shalle have thys cope ayen thys tyde. Jhesu preserve yov your lond (?) at Stonore.

Will^m Stonore K.

To my trusty frynd Harry Dog[ett] in hast.

297. WILLIAM LEYNTHALE TO
[SIR WILLIAM STONOR]

[? 1481]

Though there is no endorsement, this letter was probably addressed to Sir William Stonor. Leynthale was bailiff at Watlington, see No. 255; for Christopher Holland see Nos. 233 and 283; and for Harry Blakehall see No. 172. From No. 283 it would seem probable that this letter is not earlier than 1481. From *A.C.*, lii, 30.

My duetie preceding unto your good maistership. As unto the v. li. ye sende Robert Edrych unto me for of your rent, I delivered him iiij. li.: and at the vewe of myn accompte with the fee of Christofer Holland allowed, I was in det but of ix. li. xvj. s. ij. d.: wherof I have delivered sith to your maistership vij. li., and to Robert Eddrych iiij. li. forsaide: I am yet behynde of the tenaunts v. nobles and more, and parte is full evill to come by: notwithstanding, yf I had as I have not, I wold be glad to ease your pore tenauntes &c.: albeit I sende you by Henry

Blakehall xx. s. I am but esely purveyed, as God knoweth, whoo preserve your maistership in all honnour.

Your humble servaunt W. Leynthale.

No endorsement.

298. SIR WILLIAM SANDES TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[c. 1481]

The date of this letter cannot be earlier than 1478, since Stonor is a knight. It must be earlier than No. 299 where it is implied that Sandes and Stonor were well acquainted. Probably the date is 1478-80. But the date of No. 299 itself cannot be fixed, so it is convenient to place both letters here with the other two letters of John Shynner, the vicar of Penton Mewsey Sandes had a place at East Cholderton near Andover and Penton Mewsey (Leland, *Itinerary*, ii, 7). The original is in *Ancient Correspondence*, ix, 1.; it is slightly damaged on the right-hand side. It seems to be holograph.

Ryght Wurshypful and trusty Cosyn, y commende me unto yow yn as hartly wyse as y can and as a Jantylman not gretly acqueyntdyd with yow, trustyng yn tyme to come to be better acqueyntyd with yow. Syr, yf hyt please yow, y undyrsonde ye have a ffermer atte Penyton Meyse, the whyche as y undyrsonde for hys wylfull dysposycon and neglygent rewle yn the same bothe ayenst the welfare of yowre modyr and yowr herafter, ffor as y bothe her and yn parte know he ys a troubelusse ffellow not only with yowr tenauntes but as well with othyr Jentylmenys tenauntes yn lyke wyse: and so be thys meanysse he getyth hym selfe but lytyll love amonge them. And as y undyrsonde sumtyme as y walke yn my recreacon y may see that yn yowr wodys he hathe made grete waste and destrucon, the whych shuld cause a grete displeasour to me yf hyt were y-doo yn my wodys as hyt ys yn yowre, as ye may have larger undyrstondyng of thys yn yowr next comyng unto the contre: where upon yf hyt please yow, yf case be that ye have made no graunte of the sayde ferme, suche favour as ye may y wul pray yow to shwe the . . . man, the whych comyth with yowr Chapleyn, parson and Curate of the sayde Penyton, and y truste he shall deserve hyt . . . to yow after hys power so that he may have your goode mastyrshyppe: and as for hys trouth and suche covenanthes as [he shall] make with yow, and

ye desyre me, y dare be bownde for hym for hys trouthe and for suche covenantes that he makyth [y will] fynde suffycient suerte by syde to perfourme yn hys behalfe. And upon thys y have desyryd yowr parson to ryde to y[ow with] hym to keve yow ynformacon of hym what he ys. And as he knowyth ryght well he ys for yow and such a man [as] shall please yowe and all yowr tenautes and odyr also, of whose comyng y wot well they wyll be ryth glad.¹ And Jhesus preserve yow bothe body and sowle. I-wrote at Andever on Corpus cristy day, hastie,

W. Sandes knyght.

To my Ryght trusty and welbelovyd Cosyn Sir William Stonor thys letter be delyveryd.

299. JOHN SHYNNER TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[c. 1481]

There is nothing to show the date except that it is not earlier than 1478. It is probably later than No. 298. It is placed here for convenience with Shynner's other letters. As to Shynner, see Note on No. 300. From *A.C.*, xlv, 203.

Most worchepfull and reverynd Mayster, I recummd me onto yowr reverynd Maisterchep also lowly as I can hoder may: wylyng yowr Maysterchep to have knowleche þat syr Wylyam Sandys ys gretely dysplesyd with me, and Jaye do lesayd maner also, as for a grehowde þat I scholde send onto yowr maysterchep as they say: þe weche I know not what coler þis grehowd ys, noder no seche I send to yow, neyder was consente þer to: werefor I beseche yowr maysterchep to wrythe onto Syr William Sandys as for myne a skese, and to speke to Jaye at Londun, wen ye methe with hym, as my treste ys on yowr Maysterchep, and as I schall and am yowr preste to praye to God for yow and yowrys, ho have yow and yowrs in hys kepyng ever, Amen

your preste Syr John Shynner.

To my ry3th worchepfull and reverynd Mayster Syr William Stonor, yn hast.

¹ Sandes continued "of hys comyng," but crossed these three words out.

300. JOHN SHYNNER TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 1481]

John Shynner was a Modbury man (see list in No. 71) who, as these letters show, received the living of Penton Mewsey from Sir William Stonor. Some light is thrown on this letter by *Early Chancery Proceedings*, 40/227, where Robert Shynner, the younger, shows that his father, Robert Shynner, the elder, was seised in his demesne as of fee of 3 messuages and 2 acres of land in "Mychell Modbury," and enfeofed John Rous, John Legh, Walter Torryng, and William Stenlake to the entent that after his death they should make an estate to the petitioner; Legh, Torryng, and Stenlake had done so, but Rous refused, and Shynner therefore prayed for a writ of *sub pœna*. These proceedings took place between 1467 and 1472. John Shynner was apparently another son of Robert Shynner, the elder. Cristina, widow of Robert Shynner, and John Shynner, as executors of Robert Shynner, sued Richard Fortescue of Valepitte in Michaelmas Term, 1478, for 8 marks (*Placita de Banco*, Roll 868, m.^o 96). John Shynner of Modbury, chaplain, had a suit for debt with Robert Tolloke (*Early Chancery Proceedings*, 66/86, date 1475-80). This letter is probably rather earlier than No. 301, in which case it may perhaps belong to 1481. Shynner in some places wrote "d" (meaning ð) for "th". From A.C., xlv, 202.

Ry3th reverent and worcheppell Mayster, I recomende me on to yowr Maysterchepp allso hertely as I can and may: prayeng yowr Maysterchepp to gete me a subpena for John Rowse, apon þat he was ynfefyete yn treste to follyll my fader ys wyll, and John Leghe and Water Torryng, þe weche John Leghe and Water Torryng be þe partyd of þis worll, and so John Rowse is alyve, and y deser he scholde follyll my fader ys wyll. And yn þe reverans of God laboryd ye to be scherve: for hyt ys a presentabell offise, þe worcheppfollyst yn þe scherhave ben schervys and yet theye hope to be: and Wylyam Fowell sayde to me þat Syr Thomas Selynger hopyt to be scherve þis yer: and Wylyam Fowell sayd hyt wer all so convenyant and presentabell to yow as to hym, and sayd hyt well be worth to yow a C. nobelys abow all costys and awayll mene hoder man onder yow: and yef ye be scherve I beseche yow that John Tollocke may be creyer of þe schere, and he shall plesse yow also largely as heny hoder schall, þe weche John Tollocke ys my soster sone. And I have send on to yowr Maysterchepp for my wrethe of subpena by the berer of thys byll ij. s. vj. d. And yet

yn þe reverens of God remembret yowr sylve to labor to be scherve : for hyt well gete yow a quayntens, and hyt ys beter to goveryn then to be goveried. No mor on to yowr Maysterchepp at þis tyme, but Jhesu preserve yow ever. Amen. I-wrethen at Modbere on Synt Luke ys yeve.

By your aune Syr John Schynner, parson of Penyton.

To my Rygth reverend Mayster and pattron, Syr Wiliam Stonor, knygh.

301. JOHN SHYNNER TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 1481]

The date is probably a little later than No. 300. As Sir William Stonor was on bad terms with his mother, it may perhaps belong to 1481 or 1482 (see No. 300). It is not clear who is meant by "the lord Mese". From *A.C.*, xlv, 204.

Ry3th reveryend Mayster, I recummente me to yowr Maysterchep &c. I have ben with my Maysteres, yowr Moder, and ther I schall never come mor by þe grace of God, for I was falsse varlet, theffe, and her traytour, and God yove me grace þat I never methe with her more, ffor I have the namys of yowr bredren and sosteren. As ffor her armys I have hyt not, bot þe lord Mese woll bryng ham to yow &c. Also, rememberyt to wrythe to Mayster Wageth as for Flethe and Forde to be Tedyngman and sewtey to yowr cerche of Ermeton. Also, I wolde ye wolde to sewe to be scherve of¹ owr scher, for me semyt hyt wolde be presentabell and to gethe a quayntans, love, and drede withyn þis scher, and rememberyt how mene worchepfull men have be schervys of þat scher, bothe of yowr contre and of þis. And yef yowr Maysterchep have hyt I wolde beseche yow to have a offyce as for a kynnyzman of myne to be cryer of þe scher &c.

By your aune Syr John Shynner.

To my ry3th reveryend and specyall mayster, Syr Wiliam Stonor, kny3th, yn haste.

¹ Shynner began to write "Dewen" (Devonshire), but crossed it out.

302. PETER CAVERSHAM, ABBOT OF NUTLEY, TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 1480-81]

Peter Caversham was abbot of Nutley, or Notley from 1480 to 1503. This letter was clearly written soon after Stonor's second or third marriage, i.e. either about the middle of 1480 or the end of 1481. As to Crendon see No. 239; the farm of the manor of Crendon belonged to the abbey (*Monasticon*, vi, 280). From *A.C.*, xlvi, 184.

Worsypull Syr, y recomend me unto yowe, and y pray yowe y myzt byn recomendyd to my lady yowr wyfe as a contreyman now of hurs nat to her kowyng, but with þe grace of God and yowr gentylnes y schall byn &c. As to þe intent of þis byll, þis hyt ys: ther one Paddenall of Crendon, whom 3e kowe well and longyng unto 3owe, and trobull me sore in my myndys of many dyverse matres, þe wych ar so long to writ unto yow and then hit wulde wery a man or he had don, and in specyall such a sympull writer as y am &c: prayng yowe, as my synguler trust is in yowe, and in tyme schert I schull reward yowe, þat such commynantes¹ as y made with yowe of þe ferme of Crendon myzt byn performyd: for þis sympull man, þe wych y release hit to, whom 3e had promysyd me fryst, at yowr request, bydyth by no promysse þat he made to us, but trobull me: prayng of your gentyllnes to take none displeur thoy y trobull hym acordyng to þe lawe; for, saffe yowr reverans, he ys untrew, for he sclauders me þat Thomas Salman schuld seye þat y had more stondyd out j acre of þe kynges ground, the wych þe other never seyde nother never cowde make profe þerof: y wuld naut he myzt for an hondur pond: þis myzt every worsypull man byn sclauder: as my trust, send me word howe þat 3e wyll deale on þis mater, for in gode soth saffe for yower sake he schuld havyn kowyng þerof ar þis: as 3e thynke hit is gode to yowe remember me, and I schall yowe, as my most trust. At Nott. by Syr Peter abbot of þe same.

Unto my most gode specyall frend, Syr William Stonor, in hast.

¹ Apparently meaning "covenants".

303. THOMAS BANKE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

16 JANUARY [1482]

Thomas Banke was an Oxford D.D., who was Rector of Lincoln College 1493-1509, and Commissary of the University in 1501 and 1502. "My lord Edward" was one of the younger sons of John de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk. In Oct., 1480, the University desired of Edward IV that he would send his nephew, "the lord Edward Pole," to study at Oxford. They also asked the Bishop of Salisbury to use his influence. In March, 1481, it was reported that the Bishop would bring him there. On 28 March, 1482, the University wrote to the King praising his nephew's gifts of intellect and heart. In another letter in the same year they repeated their praise, and thanked the King "quod Magistrum Stanley, infantem etiam nobilem atque litterarum studiosum illi prenobili nepoti tuo studiorum suorum comitem adjunxeris". Edward de la Pole cannot have been more than fourteen when he went to Oxford. He was Archdeacon of the East Riding from 15 Oct., 1480, to 6 Jan., 1485, when he became Archdeacon of Richmond; he died not long after. (See *Epistolae Academicæ*, ii, 454-6, 462-3, 478, 484.) Master Stanley was James, son of Thomas Stanley (afterwards Earl of Derby). He was first cousin to Sir William Stonor's third wife, Anne Neville, and was somewhat older than Edward de la Pole. He was bishop of Ely from 1506 till his death in 1515 (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*, liv, 70). As to Sutton see No. 280. For Master Edmund see No. 194. The references show that the date of the letter must be either 1482 or 1483. Comparison with the reference to the troubles of Stonor's servants at Oxford in the next letter suggests that the former year is the more likely. From *A.C.*, xlv, 133.

Pleasyd 3our maistryrshyp to understond þat I hayff beyn with doctour Sutton, our comyssare, and I dyd shew to hym howe 3oure maistryrshyp boyth was and ys dysposyd to þe universite, as in fyndyng and relevyng off divers scholars to þe same and also by relevyng off many oþer suche as cummys to 3our maistryrshyp at divers tymes in þe 3ere, lyke as Mr. Eadmunde, Mr. Flynte, Mr. Kyckall, and I with oþer moye dyd layte; off whome I desyryd þe comyssare to inquire 3our worshypfull and gentyll behave3our to tham and to iche on off tham, because I wolde he sulde gyff more credens to myn informacyon. Also, syr, I was with my lord Edward and maistryr Stanley, and informyd tham in lyke wyse, and dyd shew boyth to my lorde Edward, to maistryr Stanley, and to maistryr comyssare, þe delying and þe behave3our off certan

scolars azanes 3our maistryrshyp and 3our servandes, specyaly when þai cume to þe universite for suche necessarytes as 3e hayff to doo þer : and þen my lord Edwarde and Mr. Stanley desyryd þe commys sare at þer instanse to see an remedy, suche as 3our servandes myght boyth cume and goo to or from þe universite in sayffe garde off þer bodes : and þe commys sare seyde he wolde doo as myche as he myght by þe vertu off hys offece to provyde an remedy : nott withstondyng all thys, me semys þe moste suerte ys 3our awn wey to send for tham by privey selys. Cadwey ys benefysyd in Oxfurte : he may nott flee. Syr, I sayd to þe comys sare þat 3e wold send for tham by privey seles, bod yff þe universite dyd see an remedy : and þe commys sare sayd, yff 3e dyd so he culd nott blame 3e, in so myche as þei wylnot be reulyd. No more, save I besyche Jhesu preseryff 3o and 3ores evermore, Amen. Frome Oxfurth þe xvj day off Januar.

3our servand and bedman Thomas Banke.

Syr, Maistryr Stanley, eftyr all þe comunycacyon before rehersyd, dyd send for Cadwey to cume to hym : for Cadwey is grete with hym : and þer maystryr Stanley declaryd howe ney off kyn my laydy 3our wyff and he stande, and desyryd hym as he wolde hayffe hys gude Maistryrshyp to owe hys luffe and favour to 3our servandes in Oxfurth or owte off Oxfurth wharsoever þei dyd mete : for Maistryr Stanley sayd þat he moste nedes take 3our parte in all ryght : and so sayd my lorde Edwarde also, when we dyd comon firste off þe mater : and so Cadwey hays promysyd to Maistryr Stanley þat he wyll neþer doo ne sey azanes 3our servandes, bod rapþer to helpe to convey tham yff anyman wolde doo or sey azanes tham : bod þis ys no suerte to 3our servandes for oþer off hys cuntremen. Warfor, me semes 3our awn wey ys beste, to send for tham, or to cause þe kyng to wryte to þe universite for an remedy as 3e thynke beste &c.

To hys worshypfull Maistryr Syr Wylliam Stonor, knyght, be þis deliveryd.

304. HENRY MAKNEY TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? 29 JAN. 1482]

From the mention of Clerk of Nurselyng and of the troubles of Stonor's servants at Oxford (see Nos. 303 and 305) it seems probable that the year

is 1482. "Your children" must in that case mean some wards of Stonor's. Since Stonor is a knight the date cannot be earlier than 1478; but neither that year, when 2nd Feb. was on a Monday, nor 1479, when it was on a Tuesday, are likely. In those years "your children" might have meant Elizabeth Stonor's daughters, but in any later year can only mean dependent wards. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 178.

My ryghte worshipful Maistire, y recomand me to youe &c. Syr, the prioure of Frideswide of Oxford is collector of the dymys, he hathe sen to Pirton and hathe suspenside þe cherche for the dymys, and also he suspenside olde Bayly, whiche hath parcelle of þe tythis in Pirton undire youe. Werfor ye moste se a remedy that þe parishens may be servyde and the dymys payde. Y hire þat the dymys ben more þen xl. s., whiche is unpaid. Also here is on Willm. Clerke of Nustelynge, whiche is greuously vexide and trowblide by Thomas Hardgrave for suche servise as he dide to Edmund Ramsey in youre behalfe, wen þe furste possession was take þer; and also when ye were þer ye made hyme brynge the tenantis to Rumsey to speke with youe; for whiche causis he dare not abide in his house for drede of arestinge by write or for suerte of the pease: wherfore the seid Clerke besechithe your gode Maistershippe to lete make a cerche if þer be any accion conceveide ayenste hyme by Hardgrave, and þat he myzte have a *supersedeas* fro the Chancery, whiche shulde cause odire men to be glade to do youe servise in þat contre, if ye kepe this man harmeles &c. Item youre husbondrie is note welle gydide: ye have iiij or v hynys and but on plowe goynge, where as 3e myzte have ij plows. Y have spoke to þe bayly to have fewere servantes or a nodire plowe goynge: but he wulde note be rewlid by me, but take his owne wey, whiche wulnote be moste for your profite, as y trowe. Item your childern be note at Oxford by cause of horse, money and men: for your servantes dare note come in Oxford. At Stonore, the Tuysday nexte afore Candelmasday,

Your servant H. Makney.

To my Ryghte reverente Maister, Syr Willm. Stonor.

305. EXPENSES OF SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[? FEB 1482]

This account was clearly made in the spring, and the reference to "when my lady rode to Tavnton" points to 1482 (see No. 305); this will also agree

with the probable date of No. 304, where there is mention of "Clerke of Nustelyng." It is the first of a number of similar small accounts in *Ch. Misc.*, 37, v, 1-9.

Cristmas. To þe pleyers of Glowceter, v. s. To the pleyers of Leytyn Bosard, v. s. To Harry Dogettes man, v. s. To the parson is man of Dudcote, xx. d. To Jakis, xx. d. To Robert Dyker, xx. d. Leyde owt for you when my lady rode to Tavnton, ix. s. iij. d. Delivered to Clerke of Nushelyng, xij. d. For your bote hyre, ij. d.

306. DAME ANNE STONOR TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

27 FEBRUARY [1482]

Clearly written by Stonor's third wife soon after their marriage, and so to be assigned to 1482. Anne Stonor was daughter of John Neville, Marquis of Montagu, and was staying at Taunton with the Marquess of Dorset, whose wife was Cicely Bonville (see No. 314). Only the signature is autograph. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 209.

Syr, I recomaund me unto you in my most h[ert]ly wise, right joyfull to here of yowre helthe: liketh you to knowe, at þe writyng of þis bill I was in good helthe, thynkyng long sith I saw you, and if I had knowen þat I shold hav ben this long tyme from you I wold have be moche lother then I was to have comyn into this ferre Countrey. But I trust it shall not be long or I shall see you here, and else I wold be sorye on good feith. Syr, I am moche byholdyng to my lady, for she maketh right moche of me, and to all the company, officers and other. I have early trust uppon your comyng unto þe tyme of thassise, and else I wold have send Herry Tye to you long or þis tyme. I have deiyvered a bill to Herry Tye of suche gownes as I wold have for þis Ester. And I beseche oure blessed lord preserve you. From the Castell of Taunton þe xxvij day of Februarer.

Your new wyf Anne Stonor.

No endorsement.

307. INDENTURE FOR SALE OF WOOD

4 MARCH, 1482

ABSTRACT. William Fullard of "Vatlyngton" has bought of Sir William Stonor a wood called "Laned Wode"; he will cut no tree "but yf he be above xx ynche at brest heyth of man"; he will see that "non young vode be stryde and specially that no colyers nor oder destruy nat the young sp[r]yng with stoppyng of there sattes"; "the vode shalle be ryd at and draute so the young copyse be not hurt." From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, v. 10.

308. INVENTORY OF THE BUTTERY AT STONOR

11 MARCH, 1482

From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, v. 12.

Stuffe in þe buttry at my maistirs departynge into Devynshir undecimo die Martii A^o E. iiiij^{ti} xxij.

Furst xij basyns and xij ewers of latyn. It., iiij chafynge dissis. Itm., a standerde of knyvis. Itm., xvj pottes of pewter, grete and smale. Itm., xvj belle canstykkes. Itm., of odire canestykkes xxvij broke and hole. Itm., vij ledire pottes. Itm., ij chippinge knyfis. Itm., vj mortes of wex. Itm., a hole torch of wex. Itm., xxij torteyce of wex.

309. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1482]

The date would seem to be early in 1482, since Lady Stonor is with child. It is earlier than No. 321. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 190.

In as humble wise as y can y recommaunde me to yowr good mastership, as he that thenkys a long seson sens y saw your mastership: I ensure (?) the same: y am as glad for the good spede of my lady and

that she is with chyld, as y am of any woman levyng. Wold God it wold plesse you to com to your Horton when terme is don : y will geve yow attendance : ther is ther an punchon or tweyn of wyne abydyng your mastership : y hope suche as wold plesse yow. Syr, y am desyrid to write to your mastership for your old servant and my felow, James Boteller, that it wold lyke yow to put suche attemtes and maters as is ayenst hym, and som direccion so that he by the mene of yowr mastership may leve in quiete and rest : and y am sure he wold do you service to the uttermost of his power to put his pore lif in juperde. Syr, y am sory to encumbre your good mastership with this simple mater, but at lest ye may do a speciall dede of almes and deserve thank of almyghty God, who ever preserve yow and all youres for my synguler comfort. Writen at London this Saterday in the morning with the hand of your servant

Ric. Page.

As for news y have told this berrer to enforme yow. I fere me he cannot well shew them to your mastership.

To my master, Syr Willm. Stonor, knight for the Kynges body be this delivered.

310. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1482]

From the reference to Lady Stonor being with child the date is probably early in 1482. This letter appears to be later than No. 309 and earlier than No. 321. John Barantyne, who married Stonor's sister Mary (see No. 294), was returned as 14 years of age and more in October, 1474 ; at the date of this letter he seems to have been still under age, so cannot have been born before 1461 ; the *Inquisition* is quite possibly inaccurate. "Lady Botiller" is his mother, who married as her second husband Sir John Boteler ; she is called "my lady Barantyne" in the next letter. The Barantyne manor of Chalgrove was held in part of the Prince of Wales as of the manor of Wallingford (*Chancery Inq. p.m.* Edward IV., file 50, no. 36) ; hence the reference in these letters to the ravishment of his ward. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 188.

Plesse it your mastership, y have resseyvyd your letter in whiche ye commaunde me to speke to my lord prince counsell touchyng bran at ¹ (?)

¹ This is perhaps intentionally obscure ; possibly it should be "Barantyne".

mater. Syr, me semys, savyng your correccion, it were not best to do so, for y suppose they know nothing of it, and me semys it were folie to shew the mater to thaym and to let thaym have understondyng theroff. Also trew it is my lord prince hath a writ of ravyshment of his ward Barantyne ayenst you and my lady Botiller. I have spoken with my lord prince Attornay and shewid hym the mater: so uppon de[w ?] prove made of myne informacion, whyche is that he was married in his fadris life as your mastership wrote on to me, the mater shall and must take a good end. And so it is respited tyl the next terme ye com yor self. Syr, as for the xij^e li., whiche Bettson awis you, if he be disposid to content you, and welnot dele with your stok, me semys it makys litell force so he woll make you paiement in monay. For y wold not ye were incombrid with waris, at wollnot be your profit, so it semys me. I remitt this to your mastership. I pray Jhesu save my lady is fare bely. I pray God send hir good tyme and good deliveraunce. Plese it your mastership this rude byll may recommaunde me to hir good ladyship. And this I make and send at this seson. I pray god send you your hartes desire. Writen with the fest at London this thursday bat of

Your Page.

This byll be delivered to Master Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght to the Kinges body.

311. T. MOLEYNS TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1482]

This apparently refers to the same matter as the previous letter, and is therefore to be dated early in 1482. "My lady Barantyne" no doubt means Elizabeth, Lady Boteler, John Barantyne's mother. See note on the previous letter. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 181.

Right worshipful Master, I Recommaund me unto your Mastership, letyng your mastership understonde that Page and I have spoken with my lord Prynce Counsell for the accion ageyn you and my lady Barantyne; and that mater shall be contynued til the next terme, upon communycacion between them and you and your Counsell. I know no mo materes ageyn you. Your man tellyd me that ye were in doute of a nother sute in my lord Prynce is name. I have serched therfor, but certeynly ther

is noon. I have resceyvyd v.s. by your servaunt. And Jhesu preserve you. Amen. Wrytyn in hast. By your servaunt T. Moleyns.

312. SIMON STALLWORTH TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

I MAY [1482 ?]

Stallworth's other letters (Nos. 330 and 331) to Sir W. Stonor were written in 1483; but in that year the first of May was on a Thursday, so that the date of this letter is more probably 1482. "My lord" is John Russell, bishop of Lincoln. Stallworth was afterwards sub-dean of Lincoln, and prebendary of St. Stephen, Westminster; he died in 1511 (will ap. *P.C.C.*, 21 Fetiplace). As to Christopher Holand, see No. 283. From *A.C.*, xlii, 208.

Worchypfull Syr, with dewe recomendacions and acordyng I recom-
mend me unto you, prayng you to have me excusyd of my commyng:
for withowt dowl I hadde purposyd to have bene with you þis nyght.
A kynsman of myne and felowe of Mertyn college, I trust to God schall
be þe proctor, and hathe send for me in suche wysse as withowte I be
with hym þis night he is lykley to be distrenyd, suche labor ther is
ageyne hym: I trust he shall do you servyce hereafter. Syr, also ac-
cording to your plesur I send for Wiliam Walche to þe intent to have
dronkyn wyth hym, and he wass not in Thame. My lord send me
wrytyng þat he hadde abyld Christofores Holand in þat rowmythe by þe
labor of you, I am content, and ye for to have þe delyng betwyx W.
Walche and hym. Notwithstandyng my lorde send me word þat he
hadde takyne hym a byll of his awne hand. I askyd Christofores, but I
cowthe nott se it. Syr, my lord wyld þat Christofores shold answer hym
at thys tyme for hys payment, and þat mony þat W. Walche hathe re-
ceyvyd Christofores to have it. As for þe rentalls and oþer evydence
hadde by Wyllyam Walche, 3e kanne have þe delyveraunce of þem to
Christofores: for my lord profytt better þen I wer with you: and in þe
balywyke of Dorchester my lord send me word þat 3e hade spok to hym
þer for, and he wyll contynue it to he, 3e and I spek to gydyr þer inne:
I trust 3e schalbe plesyde. And wher ye wyld me to be frend to
Christofores Holand, I schalbe redy to fullfyll þat commaundement.
Syr, also I undyrstand þat my lord wyld þat a copy of þe vicaries land
in Dorchester schold be hadde to þe beholve of Rychard Idley, and þe

fyne reservyde to you and me: so I have wrytyng: it wer ryght wel done an end to be hadd in þis mater: it is lytyll valewe and mykyll mony spend þerinne. I schal schewe þe presedent of iij. li. vj. s. viij. d. fyne in þe same land. On Thorsday I most be at Thame Abby, and so depart to Bukden: yf ye schall please any thyng þat I may do by þat tyme or after I schalbe redy. I beseke ye also þat I may have your mynd and speke with Christofores Holand and [*sic*] Thame on Thorsday: for þen I must send to my lord of theys thynges and other, howe þat I doo in thys countre and in theys maters. I ame ryght sory þat I may not speke with you or ye departe: but I trust to Jhesu to avate on you at Nottyngham with my servyce: who ever have you in hys blyssyd kepeng. At Dorchester in gret hast þe fyrst day of May by þe hand of youre servant

Simon Stallworthe.

To the Ryght worchypfull and my god maister Syr Wylyam Stonore, knyght for þe body, be thys delyverde in godly haste &c.

313. HUGH UNTON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[11 MAY, 1482]

From the reference to the King's going northwards, the date would seem to be May, 1482. Edward went to Fotheringhay about the end of May in that year (Ramsay, *Lancaster and York*, ii, 443). The intended date given in this letter is Whit-Tuesday, i.e. 28 May. The probable date for the letter itself is therefore Saturday, 11 May. As to the Worthe lawsuit, see Nos. 266-8, and 272. There is no reference to it in the "De Banco" Rolls for Easter and Trinity terms, 1482.¹ There is, however, a record in Easter term of a successful suit brought by Worthe against Humphrey Veysy claiming messuages and lands in Crowthorne and Kynecote Hille, as heir of Agnes, daughter of John Wynnard; these lands had descended to her from John and Agnes Bevyale (*Placita de Banco*, Roll 880, mm. 447, 448; see also *Coram Rege*, Rolls 868, m. 141, and 869, m. 98; Trinity and Michaelmas terms, 1478, as to Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Worth, and Agnes, wife of John Wydeslade, heiresses of Humphrey Bevyale). In Trinity term, 1482, Sir

¹ Nor in the corresponding Rolls for 1480 or 1481.

William Stonor had suits against Henry Felowe of Huchynden, Oxfordshire, and John Barell of Princes Risborough for trespass, and against Robert Emond of Hembury also for trespass (*Placita de Banco*, Roll 881, mm. 71, 197). His "mater anendes the Qwene" is explained by a suit which was pending against him for payment of 1000 marks under a bond dated 20th February, 1477 (*id.* Roll 881, m. 431). This suit which was already threatened in 1481 (*id.* Roll 877, m. 26) was then postponed to Michaelmas and finally to Hilary Term, 1483, see also Nos. 319 and 320. Sir Thomas Bryan was Chief Justice of the Common Pleas from 1471 to 1500. From *A.C.*, xlv, 218.

Right worshipfull Maister, I recommaunde me unto you. Syr, as for your gret mater afore my lord Bryan the waraunt is in; I have gotten hit in. Syr, Worthe is here now and the Justices have graunt him his reddicion; bot your counsell sayen hit is no gret hurt for you, for and he enter by his awne auctorite ye may put him owte and take ye the profetes of the land. And gif he enter by auctorite of the Sheref by a writ, is called *habere facias sesinam*, ye most suffer the Sherefs Officers to enter by vertu of the writ or waraunt, and as sone as thai ben gone enter ye ageyn and take the profetez. Syr, as for all your other accions I shall take as gud hede þerto as I can for every ayeynest the terme And sum fals pacche will be don, the which shal not be to my power, with goddes grace. Syr, ther is an accion nowe newe taken ayeynest you in Hampshire at the sute of on Agnes Foster, wydowe; but is trespas. Syr, as for wyne I have sent you by John Somer, to be deliveret to John Baker a Henley, ij hogges hedes of Claret wyne, a hogges hed of red wyne, a hogges hede of white wyne. And as for spices I spake to Maister Russh; hee (*sic*) thai loke for a gale comys nowe in, as he sais, and then he will by be gret, and then ye shall have with him as moche as ye will: bot he will lay down now no money for noon. And as for candell, we can have non such as ye send fore, as Taylboys can tell your Maistership. And as for fyssh, I can none by withoute money. And rysshes and sope I have send you by John Somers barge, the which wilbe at Henley opon Sondag or Monday at the forthest. Syr, this day messyngers go into every shire with commissions and writtes of proclamacions, that every man that hase ended to go with the Kyng to be redy with in xiiij dayes. Syr, the Kyng departes northe-wardes opon Twesday in Whitsonday weke. And therefore Maister Russh counseles you in any wise ye to be here Monday all day to labour to my lord Markas as for your mater anendes the Qwene and divers other causes, the which he will enfourme you of at your comyng. And

allmighty Jhesu have you in kepyng. Writen this Saturday. And as for the joyner your werk wilnot be redy bot ayeynest midsummer.

Your owne servaunt H. Unton.

To my worshipful Maister Syr William Stonor, knyght for þe body.

314. JOHN PAYNE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

15 MAY [1482]

This was clearly written in the same year as No. 305, and may safely be assigned to 1482. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 195.

Right worshipfull Syr, and my right especiall gode Mastere, I recommaund me unto you with right herty and manyfold thankynges for þe great favour and mastership, þat ye have showed me in diverse wises &c. And forþermore þat it woll please you to knowe, or I departed owte of London, þere was certayne knowlage þat þis gentlewoman was sacred, wiche was don þe Freyday byfore my commyng to Hamptons place: þe said parties were commyn to London or I came thens: this knowen, I hadd no cause to tarie. I fere me lest M. Barkeclay colored in þis work. Never þe lasse I shall thynke it myn infortune. I pray God I may here alter doo you sum pleasyr for þe labour, charge, and goode maistership, þat ye shewed me in þis behalfe. Also such encommāndements as ye gave me to Master Rishe and oþer at London I remembred thayme as I cowde. And also delyvered your letter to Hugh Hownton. Also nowe I am sorye þat my lady Ane departeth from þes parties: for my lady and all þe houshold shall hastily to Dertyngton, and þere remayne and byde a season. Syr, if þer be any servyce þat I can doo att your commaundment in þes parties, ye shall have me at your pleasyr, and will duryng my life, þat to juperde to þe utterest of my power, that knoweth our blessed Lord, whome I besече to preserve you in long helthe and prosperous filicite. Scribled at þe Castell of Taunton, þe xvth dai of Maii,

One of your servaunts, John Payne,
W^t my lord Marquis.

Unto the right honorable and my full goode Master, Sir Willm. Stonor, one of the knyghtes for the Kynges body, be þis takyn.

315. SIR WILLIAM STONOR TO JOHN ABREY

23 MAY, 1482

John Abrey was farmer of the parsonage of Pyrton for Sir William Stonor in 1482, see p. 169 below. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 129.

Abrey, I pray yov se the demys content; also Belle of Schyrburne hath byn with me, and Jon Baker: so I holde me content to reseve ix markes of Baker for Belle for the tyth of soche as he nov oft to pay. At Stonore, the Thursday nexte a fore Whytsunday, A^{no} xxij^o.

Wyllm. Stonore, K.

316. HAVARD TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

4 JUNE [? 1482]

There is no indication as to who Havard was, or who was his master. The reference to my lord Prince rather favours the latest date possible, i.e. 1482. As in some other letters (cf. Nos. 310, 311) which belong to this year there is a suggestion of political opposition to the Duke of Gloucester. Sir Richard Ludlow was a J.P. for Shropshire, and under-constable of Wallingford Castle (*Early Chancery Proceedings*, 66/412). There is a very remarkable paraph to the signature of this letter. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 170.

Right worshipful and my special good maister, I recommaunde me unto you: and like it you to understande Maister Coytesmore have ben in my lord princes presence, and he came thider þe sonner because of þe bill þat ye sent to my maister. Natwithstanding, as I sent your maistership knowlege by Lentall youre servaunt, my maister was enfourmed þat at your last being here ye broght letters unto my lord Rivers from Syre Richard Ludlowe ayeinst my maister in þe mater of Walingford: and wher as I sent you knowlege þerof by your saide servaunt, and þat ye wolde nat sende me an aunswer by your servaunt, þe berer herof, whether ye brought þe saide letters or not, I mervaille: yef your maistership had sende me worde, I wolde have shewed unto my maister þe playnesse, soo as I trust my maister may lay none unkyndenes unto you. Your saide servaunt, þe berer herof, can enfourme you

ferther of suche nouvelles as ben here. And oure blissed lord have you in his keping. At the More þe iiijth day of Juyn

Your true and humble servaunt Hauard.

To the right worshipful and my special good maister, Syr William Stonor, knight for the kinges body.

317. TWO MERCER'S ACCOUNTS

JUNE—AUGUST 1482

Robert Southwode, mercer, was one of the sureties for the Fenns in 1481 (*Letter Book*, L. 177; see No. 252). From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, v, 11, and ix, 31.

(a) Delyvered to my Maister Syr Willm. Stoner, knyzt, the xix day of June A° xxij. E. iiij^{ti} by Hew Umpton. vj 3erdes Saten tawney at x. s. the yerd, iiij. li. v. 3erdes half damaske tawney at viij. s. þe 3erd, xliij. s. It., xj 3erdes quarter sarsnet grene at iiij. s. viij. d., xlj. s. vj. d. It., ij 3erdes chamlet blak at iiij. s., viij. s. It., v 3erdes blak bokram at viij. d., iiij. s. iiij. d. It., ij 3erdes blak bokram at v. d., x. d. It., j plit. half laund at iiij. s., vj. s. It., vj. eln. holand cloth at viij. d., iiij. s. It., di. 3erde sarsnet at iiij. s. viij. d., xxij. d. Summa viij. li. ix. s. vij. d.

Itm., my said Maister oweth in August A° xxj for v. eln. fyne holand cloþe at iiij. s., xx. s.

by Hew Umpton.

It., þe xix day of feverer A° xxj. for ix 3erdes quarter chamlet blak at iiij. s., xxxvij. s.

(b) Memorandum þat these be the parselles þat syr William Stonard, knyght, owyth to Robert Southwod, mercer, of London, be the handdes of Hew Umpton. In primis the iiij daye m. March A° iiij^{xx} ij for j tepet of ffyn blake dobull velvet, xj. s. Item, the xxvj daye m. August A° iiij^{xx} ij. for vj yerddes of ffyn grene dobull saten at xij. s. the yerd, summa iiij. li. xij. s. Summa totalis iiij. li. iiij. s.

318. FRANCIS, LORD LOVELL, TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

24 JUNE [1482]

The year is clearly 1482 ; Gloucester was appointed to the Scottish command on 12 June of that year, and Lovell writes from Tanfield in Durham. The signature alone is autograph. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 177.

Cousine Stoner, I commaunde me to yow as hertely as I can, latynge yow have knowledge that I intendide to have bene with the King at the feste of Seynt John Baptist now late passid, to have attende upon his good grace ; bot, Cousine, it is said in this contre the King purposes to send Northwardes my lorde of Gloucestre, and my broder Parr and such other folke of worship as hath eny reule in the said northe parties, trustyng we shall have warr of the Scottes : for cause wherof, and yef I shuld as now departe Southwardes it wold be said I withdrew me for the said warre. Bot, Cousine, as hastely as I can have a convenient seasson I purpose to be in the contre. And, Cousine, I pray yow þat ye wull see þat my game be wele kept at Roderfeld. And our lorde ever more have yow in his kepinge. From Tanfeld the xxiiith day of Jun. fraunceys Louell.

To my Cousine William Stonor, knight.

319. QUEEN ELIZABETH WOODVILLE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

1 AUGUST [1482]

Comparison with the next letter, and with No. 313, which show that Stonor was out of favour with the Queen, suggests that 1482 is a likely year. This letter can hardly belong to the same time as No. 293. The signature is autograph. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 151.

By the Quene.

Trusty and welbeloved, we grete you wel : and where as we understand by report made unto us at this tyme that ye have taken upon yow now of late to make maistries withynne our fforest and Chace of

Barnewod and Exsille, and þat in contempt of us uncourteisly to hunt and slee our deer withynne þe same to our grete mervaille and displeasir, we wol ye wite þat we entend to sew suche remedy therynne as shall accorde with my lordes laws. And whereas we ferþermore understand þat ye purpose under colour of my lordes Commyssion in þat behalf graunted unto you, as ye sey, hastily to take þe view and reule of our game of dere withyn our said fforest and Chace, we wol þat ye shew unto us or our Counsell your said Comission, if any suche ye have. And in þe mean season þat ye spare of huntynge withynne our said fforest or Chace, as ye wol answer at your perill. Yoven under our signet at our Maner of Grenewiche the first day of August.

Elysabeth.

To our trusty and welbeloved Sir William Stonor, knyght.

320. JOHN WALLER TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

6 AUGUST 1482

"Twenty day" is clearly an error; probably for "twenty-two". This is confirmed by the reference to "my lord of Salisbury," which almost certainly means Lionel Woodville, who only became bishop in April, 1482, his predecessor, Richard Beauchamp, having died in October, 1481. From *A.C.*, xlvj, 219.

[W]orchypfull Syr, after due recommendacions I louly [recommend] me to yowr maistershyp gevyng to you knowle[ge th]at the vj day of Auguste the xx day of Kyng [Edwar]d iiijth, my maistres, yowr moder, hathe put . . . a byll to the Kynge ayenst yow and leyeth grett unkyndnes in yow and faute. Wherfor, savyng yowr better ayvse, I hadde lever that ye came yowrselfe then to be sende fore. Syr, for gretly she was made of by my lord of Salusbery, and by all the Quenys ladys and gentylwomen; and the Kynge herde her full well, as hit was telde me. And herr was with herr my cosyne Sainsyse brother, and of herr grette counselle. No more to your mastershyp, &c. As I shall informe your mastershyp more plainly when ye come.

By your servaunt John Waller.

[To my] ryght worchypfull master [Sir William] Stonor knyght: in haste.

321. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

23 AUGUST [1482]

This letter was clearly written some time after No. 247 ; it is also later than No. 310. "My lady" must mean Stonor's third wife, and the letter affords the closest indication of the date of the birth of her son, which was certainly some time in the latter part of 1482. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 192.

I recommaunde me to your mastership in my best maner : besekyng of the same I may be recommaundid to my lady, your wif, as he that is very glad of her good spede : I pray Jhesu save hir, and send hir good lif and long. Plese it yow to understond that Frere Hugh, chaunter prest of Horton, woll no longe occupie the Chaunterie ther : wherfor, syr, like it your mastership to write unto the master of Cobham, whos name is Doctor Underwode, to put in to the same Chaunterie Syr Robert Tybe, whiche is an honest prest and good, and a clene levyng man : y ensure yow he wolbe a sure bedeman to yowr mastership, and do yow as good service as woll any prest in Kent to his power. As for newes, the brynger can informe your mastership, to whom like it you to geve credens. I pray God save you and all yours. Written at London on seint Bartholomew ys yeve with the hond of your servant.

Ric. Page.

To my master, Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght for the Kynges body, be thys delivered.

322. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[1482]

This letter must be later than No. 321, and is of about the same date (or a little earlier) as No. 324. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 191.

In as humble wise as y can I recommaunde me to your good mastership. Syr, y have spoken with Master Lewes : I can not desire hym to be more courtais ne more gentyll towards your mastership then he is

in every behalve. Wherfor your mastership must remembre the favourable delying and alliance bytwene yow: he woll not in no maner wise lese your favour, for he thenkygh it to hym right a singuler tresor: and also y am right well assurid your mastership woll not hurt hym, ne lese his ffavour: hit were not to doo, savyng yourself and your dewte, whiche he is, and I dar say wolbe, as glad to perform [every]ythynge accord[ynge to] your [p]lesyr and reson, as [any] gentilman in Kent, or any other man levying. I[. . . n]o man speke better of your mastership then he spekys, and that in every point. [Y write] under correccion of your mastership, yet this [must] be consideryd in a . . . [gen]tilman, and that your mastership myght, if it [plese y]ow, dele more favourably [with] hym for this maner of is delying to come . . . in disple syr, which God defe[nd. And Syr], this me semys it wer well don . . . [I have] spake with John Ford to be your fermor at Horton, y have confortyd hym ther[in], and he is for yow. I pray God save you, and my lady, and my yonge master your son for my grete comfort. Writen at your Horton this . . . with the hand of your servaunt.

Ric. Page.

To my good master, Syr Willm. Stonor, knyght for the Kynges body.

323. STONOR *v.* MARMION

20 DEC. 1482

Apart from its genealogical details the interest of this document consists chiefly in its relation to *Ancient Deeds*, C. 2747 and C. 2320—see p. 175 below. The original is only a rough draft. The dispute seems to have originated in the purchase by Sir William Stonor (in 1479) from Peter Marmyon of the manor of Beamys with manors, lands, and tenements in Shenynghfeld, Swalowefeld, Farley, Sydenham, Tronkewell, Foxhill, and Sheperygge in Berks. and Wilts, and of the manor of Nustelyngis in Hampshire. Part of the consideration was the grant by Stonor of an annual rent of 5 marks for life from Horton to Eleanor, wife of Peter Marmyon. There were similar grants of 100s. to Robert, and of 40s. each to John and Peter, sons of Peter Marmyon (see *Ch. Misc.*, 37, ix, 40). The "Requests" here given come from *Ch. Misc.*, 37, v, 13.

Thes byn the requestys of Syr Wylliam Stonore, K., made unto Peter Marmyun the Elder of Tame in the Countie of Oxford, be the advyse

of the counsell of the seyd Syr W. of and ffor the performyng of serten agrementes betwene the seyd partes of and apon the party of the seyd Peryk to be fulfyl and performyd as aperyth by the tendyor of a reconysaunce made by the seyde Peryk unto the forseyd Syr W. S. afore oure soveren lord the Kyng in hys chauncery the xx day of Desemb. the yere of hys reyne the xxij.

First the forseyde Syr Wylliam by the advyse of hys counsell requeryth the forseyde Perkin Marmiun that he hym selfe come and cause his wyfe and hys sunys Robard Marmyun and Jon Marmyun to come afore my lord Bryan, chefe jeuge of the comon place, and by fore the seyde lord Bryan that he and hys wyffe and hys ij sunys aforesayde do make and every of them do make a seure and a sufficient knowlege in lawe by fyne for the surcese of all the londes foulowyng to the forseyd Sir W. Stonore and hys asynys for ever, and over that the seyd Syr W. S. by the advyse of his counsell requeryth the forseyde Perkin Marmyun to move and cause every person that ben or were infeffyd to the behofe of Pers Marmyun or of Robard his eldyst sun or of Jhon hys sun that they and every of them come afore my lord Bryan Chefe jeuge of the comon place and that every of them make a sewre and a suffycent knowlege in law by fyne to the behofe and surte of me Syr W. S. of thys londes and of the parsell of them.

324. PHILIP FITZLEWIS TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[28 DEC. 1482]

Probably earlier than No. 326 and therefore some time in 1482, perhaps 28 Dec. As to Gatton, Stonor's ward, see Nos. 157 and 234. As to Clyffe, lord Cobham and William Swan, see No. 131. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 157.

Master Stonner, afftyr all dew and herts recomendacyon premysyd, serteffyng yow that I undyrstand hyt hath plesyd yow to send by a servant of yours unto Thomas Hyllys ffor to receyve off hym vj. li. xiiij. s. iiij. d. dew unto you, to be payd off and ffor the wardship off Gatton, unto hym by you delyveryd : hyt ys sso that consederyng the gret trobyll, sute, and vexsasyon, that we have by William Swan and the mastyr off Seynt Thomas Spyttyll of London, and Barre, and other ffor the rerage

off the landes of Clyffe, consernyng to the seyde Gatton, that hyt wuld lyke you to respyt and florbere the seyde Thomas Hyll off the payment off the seyde some unto such tyme that we may have help and asystans off you to recover the rerages off them that beffortyme hath ocopyd the seyde landes, acordyng to yure promys: ffor hyt wer no resone that we scowld pay the rentes off that seson that other men dyd ocopy hyt, but ffrome the tyme that we had the ocopasyone we wyll with good wyll answer and pay all that to the same belonggyth: alwey trustyng that ye wyll defend us agens the cleyme off the lorde Cobham, the whyche seyeth, that whersoever he ffyndyth the seyde Gatton, that he wyll have hym ffor hys warde and so to cepe hym: the whyche unto us both were to gret a trobbyll and hurt. And also we hope that ye wyll cause Barry to lewe and delyver suche stall off schepe as ther by hym off to be delyvyrd, as I have herd yure sylfe sey that he so schould doo; and therffor acordyng to reson and consyens at the reverens off Gode fforber and suffyr yure dute ffor a seson wythowt dysplesyer: trustyng to almyghte Jhesus that wyth yure help and asystance we schall endevoyre us so to do by verey labor and delygence, as yure ryght and the ryght off other schalbe savyd, and yure dute to be had to yure plesyer, whome you cepe and preserve ffor his gret merci: serteffyng youe that yure servaunte, the brynger off this, wyll not be seyde nay gladly to receyve yure dute undyr courteys word and sentyll demenyng, the whyche on my good ffeyth afftyr my reson delyth ryght well and mannerly, lyk a trew servaunt to hys mastyr, and amongges theme that ben worsshypfull, havyng reson wyth them, deservyth lawde and thanks. Wryttyne at Sutton at Hoane, the day afftyr seynt John.

By yowr own alwey Phllp. ffytzLowys.

To my Ryght worschypfull Cossyn, Syr Willm. Stonner, thys be delyvyrd.

325. RENTS AT NURSELYNG, &c.

9 JANUARY, 1483

Nursling or Nutshalling is three miles from Romsey. See Nos. 304 and 305 From *Ancient Deeds*, C. 1112. There is a trace of the seal.

This bille endentet made the ix^e day of Januare, the yere of the reigne of Kyng Edward the iiije, the xxijth, witnesseth that Hugh Unton

and Thomas Carpynter, servauntes to syr William Stonore, knyght, haven receyvet of William Reynold, baly to the said syr William, in party of payment of the rentes, issues and profetez groying of his Maners of Nurseleyng, Bury, Lee, Seymanston, and Melbrok, for the termes of the Annunciacion of oure Lady and seint Michel the Archaungell last passet vij. li. vj. s. viij. d. In wittenes wherof ayther part of thes bille endentet unto other enterchaungeably haven set to thair Seale, day and yere abovesaid.

Endorsed. And the within writen William Reynolds is allowet by Maister William Berkeley, esquyer, for his labour and gederyng of the rent within writen, xxx. s.

326. PHILIP FITZLEWIS TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

12 MARCH, 1483

Of the same date as No. 327, which like this is written from Horton. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 158.

Ryght worschypfull Syr and Cossyn, aftyr all dew and hertty recomandacion premysyd, serteffyeng you that by yure wretyng and message ye ley unto me divers thyngges to my gret charge, off the whyche undowttyd with Goddes merci, wyth my honure and acordyng to law and consyens I schalbe dyschargyd off: and what so evyr he be that wole cause me to lease yure ffrendshypp and goode wyll, yet I wyll not so lese hyt, though I schould therby suffyr a gret payne: and also I wold not ye schould lese myn thorowgh yure deffaut: though I be semple, notwithstandyng consederyng the alyanse betwyxt yure blode and myn, ffor any thyng off unkyndnese by youe and yurs shewed unto me, yet rather than hyt schold be undyrstond in what deffaute hyt wer ffor the dysworsshyp that myght ensue to hym that were in deffawt, yet rather, as I seyde beffor, I wold bere a payne and all: yet notwithstandyng in all thynges and demaundes that now in þe fferme of Horton be in travers betwyx you and me I wyll abyde, and by thys my wretyng bynd me to abyde, the rule off my brother Page, and off Ruhse and Elmys, and anny other worshippfull off yure Cownsell. And Jhesu have you

in hys cepyng. Wryttyn at Hurtton the xijth day of Marche, A^{no} xxii^o
R. Ed. iiij^{ti},

By yure Cossyn Phllp. ffytz Lowys.

To the Ryght wurshypffull and my welbeloved Cossyn, Syr Willm.
Stonner.

327. RICHARD PAGE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

12 MARCH [1483]

This seems to be written on the same day as the previous letter, and there,
for in 1483. From *A.C.*, xlv, 193.

I recommaunde to your maystership: Syr, as this day I have ress.
your letter by my fellow Tailbois, Mr. Lewes beyng with me at d.ner in
my pore hous: I understand well theffecte of your wrytyng. Syr, if it
like your mastership to call to remembraunce he ys your feffe of the
same land, by force wherof he may justefie the takyng away of the
cornys, and if he be lettyd he may take an accion ayenst thaim that let
hit, notwithstanding men woll indevor thaim to do you service and
plesyr as fer as they may. Also he may have a *replegiar*, and so have
deliveraunce: ther can no man say nay, but if he do contrarie the law.
Syr, if it plesse your mastership, he woll be bounde to abide the rule of
your counsell, suche as he hath writen to your mastership off. And
under correccion, me semys, it wer better to take that way, the premisses
wele-considerid, than otherwise. Like it yow to yeve credens to the
berer, to whom I have shewd my conseit in this mater. From your
Horton, on seint Gregori is day, with the hond off

Your servaunt Ric. Page.

To my master Sir William Stonor, knyght. . . .

328. THOMAS WODE TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

[17 MAY, 1483]

This letter clearly has to do with the inheritance of Stonor's third wife, Anne Neville, eldest daughter of John, Marquis of Montagu, who was killed at Barnet in 1471. Probably the occasion was the death of her brother George, sometime Duke of Bedford, on 4 May, 1483. Anne Neville's younger sister, Elizabeth, married Thomas, lord Scrope of Masham. Richard of Gloucester had the wardship of all John Neville's children. A writ of *Devenerunt* was directed to the Escheator when a tenant *in capite* died, and when his son and heir died within age and in the King's custody; its purpose was to inquire what lands came to the King by the death of the tenant. A writ of *Mandamus* lay after a year and a day when the writ of *diem clausit extremum* had not been sent out. From *A.C.*, xlvi, 221.

After me as your servaunt recummaunded unto your Mastership: pleaseth it you to have in knowelege that as yet we canne have no moo writtes of *Devenerunt* but iij, and the residu, as ferre as we canne perceyve, must be writtes of *Mandamus*, by cause that the offices be foundyn sum of them *virtute officii*. Also we must tarie for those writtes till ther have bene serche made every yere syne the deth of my lord Marcus, by cause he purchased londes in dyvers placys, and yf eny on place were forgotyn it shuld cause a referser of the hole and putte you to a newe livere suyng: wherfor we have moved Skyp-ton to make serche bytwene this and the next terme, promysyng hym to be rewarded for his labur: and by that ceason we trust to be acerteined: and we have a promyse that noo wryttes shalbe delivered but to you. Also all the costes as yet resteth on your Mastership: how be hit my lord Scrope seith that he woll bere his parte, and also cause my lord of Gloucestre, which shall have the warde of the ij ladyes, to be contributorie to your charge. And Jhesu preserve you to his pleasure and your hertes desir. Wretyn att London on Whitsunevyn in hast.

Your servaunt Thomas Wode.

To the Ryght honorable and worshipfull my synguler good master, Syr Willm. Stonore, knyght, be this delivered in hast.

329. EDWARD PLOMPTON TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

23 MAY 1483

Edward Plompton, or Plumpton, was a lawyer of Furnivals Inn, and in 1490 was secretary to George Stanley, Lord Strange. There are many letters of his in the *Plumpton Correspondence*. The Lord of St John's is Sir John Weston. From *A.C.*, xliv, 73.

Right honorable and synguler good maister, the most humble and due recommendacion had: pleaseth your maistershipp to remembre your graunt by my lord of Saint Johns of your ferme of Warpysgrowe, like as apperith by your byll by my said lord asseignet: now is tyme for your maistershipp to mowe your said graunt. I wold advyse you incontinently to send to Th. Dawy, steward of Saint Johns at London, and sone uppon to entre in to the said ferme, observing your said graunt accordyng to the lawe: and my servyce ever at your commaundement, as knawith Jhesu, who your good maistershipp preserve. Writtyn in hast at Wycomb the xxiiij day of May, 1483.

Your servant Ed. Plompton
Secretary to my lord of Saint John.

To the right honorable and my synguler Maister, Sir Willm. Stoner knyght.

330. SIMON STALLWORTH TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

9 JUNE 1483

Printed in *Excerpta Historica*, p. 16. From *A.C.*, xlv, 206.

Master Stoner, after dew recommendacons, I recommend me to youe. As for tydyns seyns I wrote to yove we her noun newe. þe Quene kepys styll Westm., my lord of 3orke, my lord of Salysbury with othyr mo wyche wyll nott departe as 3ytt. Wher so evyr kanne be founde any godyse of my lorde Markues it is tayne. Þe Priore of

Westm. wasse and 3ytt is in a gret trobyll for certeyne godys delyverd to hyme by my lord Markques. My lord Protector, my lord of Bukyngham with all othyr lordys, as well temporale as spirituale, were at Westm. in þe councel chambre from x to ij, butt þer wass none þat spake with þe Qwene. Þer is gret besynness ageyns þe coronacion, wyche schalbe þis day forthnyght as we say. When I trust 3e wylbe at London, and þen schall 3e knove all þe world. Þe Kyng is at þe towre. My lady of Glocestre come to London on thorsday last. Also my lord commendys hyme to yove, and gave me in commaundement to wryte to you, and prayes you to be god Master to Edward Jhonson of Thame. He wass with my lord, and sued to be made a denyson for fer of þe payment of þis subtedy: and my lord send to Jeves þe clerke of þe corone and sawe þe commissione and schewyde to hyme þat he schold pay butt vj s. viij d. for hymeself: and so wer he better to do þen to be mayde denyson, wyche wold coste hym þe thyrd parte of his goods. And as for suche as have trobyld with in þe lordchype of Thame my lord wylbe advysyd by you at your commyng for þe reformacion, yf 3e take note or 3e come: for he thynkes þat þei schalbe punyshed in examplee of othyr. And Jhesu preserve yove. In haste from London by þe handys of your servande, þe ix day of June.

Simon Stallworthe.

To the ryht honorabille Sir William Stoner, knyghte.

331. SIMON STALLWORTH TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

21 JUNE, 1483

Printed in *Excerpta Historica*, pp. 16, 17. The greater part of the letter, down to "menne of my lord," is not in Stallworth's writing. Sir Clements Markham (*Life of Richard III*, p. 214) has argued that: "As Saturday was the 21st, Friday last was the 20th. We have here evidence that Lord Hastings was not beheaded until a week after his arrest. . . . The story of Morton about the hurried execution on the 13th, and the log of wood, is therefore false." Dr. Gairdner (*Eng. Hist. Review*, vi, 454) contested this conclusion. But the fact that the letter was written in two hands affords an easy explanation; the first part may well have been written on Friday, the 20th, and the end added by Stallworth on the Saturday. This also explains the

change of Stallworth's opinion as to the likelihood of the early release of the bishops. Compare, however, the dating of No. 174 on "All Soules dai last past". From *A.C.*, xlvi, 207.

Worschipfull Sir, I commend me to you, and for tydynges I hold you happy that ye ar oute of the prese, for with huse is myche trobull, and every manne dowtes other. As on Fryday last was the lord Chamberleyn hedded sone apone noon. On Monday last was at Westm. gret plenty of harnest men: ther was the dylyveraunce of the Dewke of Yorke to my lord Cardenale, my lord Chaunceler, and other many lordes Temporale: and with hym mette my lord of Bukyngham in the myddes of the hall of Westm.: my lord protectour recevyng hym at the Starre Chamber Dore with many lovyng wordys: and so departed with my lord Cardenale to the toure, wher he is, blessid be Jhesus, mery. The lord Liele is come to my lord protectour, and awates upon hym. Yt is thought ther schalbe xx thousand of my lord protectour and my lord of Bukyngham men in London this weeke: to what intent I knowe note but to kepe the peas. My lord haith myche besynes and more then he is content with all, yf any other ways wold be tain. The lord Arsbyshop of Yorke, the Byshop of Ely ar zit in the toure with Master Olyver Kynge. [I suppose they schall come oute neverpelesse].¹ per ar men in ther place for sure kepyng. And I suppose þat per shall be sente menne of my lord protectour to þeis lordys places in þe countre. They ar not lyke to come oute off ward 3ytt. As for Foster he is in hold and meue fer hys lyffe. Mastres Chore² is in prisone: what schall happyne hyr I knowe nott. I pray you pardone me of mor wrytyng, I ame so seke þat I may not wel holde my penne. And Jhesu preserve you. From London þe xxj day of June by þe handys of your servand.

Simon Stallworthe.

All þe lord Chamberleyne mene be come my lordys of Bokynghame menne.

To the right worschipfull Ser Willm. Stoner, knyht.

¹ A line has been drawn through these words in the original.

² Shore.

332. A RIOT AT WATLYNGTON

25 AUGUST, 1483

From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, v, 15.

Inquiratur pro Domino Rege: quia Egidius Wellysbourne, nuper de Stonor in Com. Oxon., Gentilman, et Thomas Fachell, nuper de Stonor in com. predicto, Gentilman, aggregatis sibi quampluribus malefactoribus et pacis domini Regis perturbatoribus ad numerum centum personarum modo guerrino armatis et apparatu, videlicet Brigandar, Salett., lanceis, forest billes, gladiis, baculis, arcubus, sagittis et aliis armis invasivis ad modum vane insurreccionis, vicesimo quinto die Augusti, anno regni Regis Ricardi primo, contra pacem dicti domini Regis apud Watlyngton predictam ex magna malicia precogitata insimul se congregaverunt et insurrexerunt ad tunc et ibidem insidiis jacuerunt ad verberandum et spoliandum Willelmum Stedeman, Johannem Richardson, Laurencium Dalton, Willelmum Copley, et Thomam Gode, servientes Johannis Barantyn, armigeri, et Willelmum Stedeman, Johannem Richardson, Laurencium Dalton, Willelmum Copley, et Thomasn Gode, predictos, ad tunc et ibidem verberaverunt, vulneraverunt, et maletractaverunt, et treginta sex solidos et octo denarios legalis monete Anglie et tres anulos de auro in quadam bursa ipsius Willelmi ad valanciam quadraginta solidorum de bonis dicti Willelmi Stedeman, et septem solidos et octo denarios legalis monete Anglie de bonis dicti Johannis Richardson apud Watlyngton predictam ad tunc et ibidem inventis felonice furati fuerunt, ceperunt, et asportaverunt contra pacem domini Regis &c.

Nomina Commissariorum pro speciali Commissione ad deliberandas prisonas Castri Oxon. apud Watlyngton.

333. FRANCIS, VISCOUNT LOVELL TO SIR WILLIAM STONOR

11 OCTOBER, 1483

This which is the latest letter in the Collection was written on the eve of Buckingham's rebellion. Stonor sided with Buckingham, and was in consequence attainted. The letter is holograph. From *A.C.*, xlv, 102.

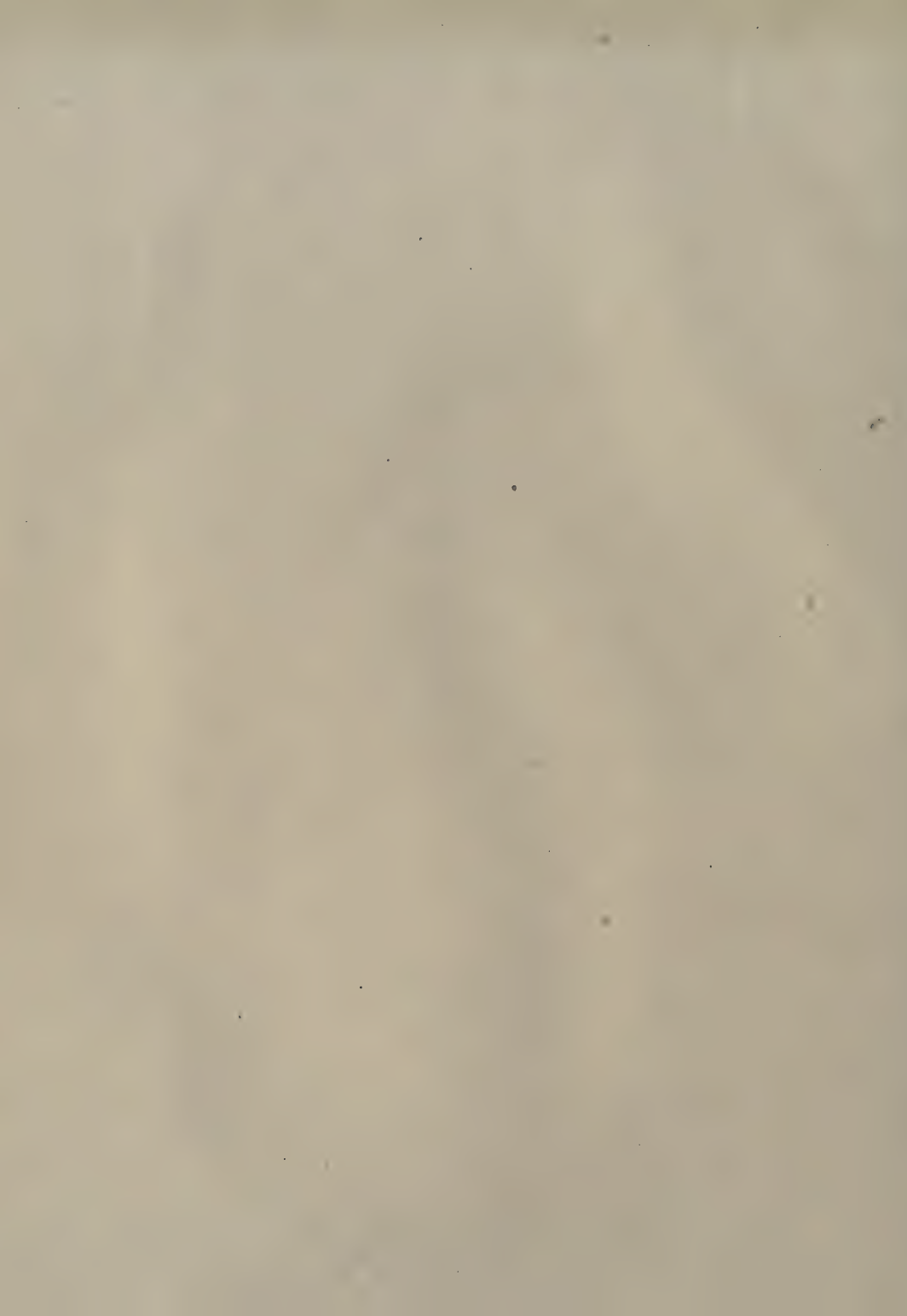
Cosyn Stoner, y commawnde me to youe as hartely as y cane : for as myche as hit plesyth þe Kynges grace to have warnyd youe and all other to attende upon his grace, and your compeny þat ye wolde come in my conysans and my compeny to come with you : and I ame sewre þat schall plese his grace beste, and cawse me to thynke þat ye lofe my honor, and y trust schalbe to your sewrte. Y pray youe remembyr this, as y schall remembyr youe in tyme to come, by þe grace of Jhesu, who ever preserve youe. Wreten at Lyncolne þe xj day of Octobyr.

Your hertely lovyng

Cosyn ffraunceys Lovell.

Also Cosyn, þe kyng hath commawndyd me to sende youe worde to make youe redy, and all your compeny, in all hast to be with his grace at Leyceter þe Monday þe xx day of Octobyr : for I have sent for all my men to mete me at Bannebery, þe Soterday þe xvijj day of Octobyr.

To my Cosyn [Syr] William Stoner.



APPENDIX

I. MISCELLANEOUS STONOR MSS.

THOSE of the Stonor Papers which had not been dispersed amongst various classes, as *Ancient Correspondence*, *Ancient Deeds*, &c., have now been placed together in *Chancery Miscellanea*, 37, Files I to VII and IX. A considerable number of these documents have been printed or summarised in the previous pages. Of the remainder a calendar is here given; the file and the number of the document is added in each case. In order to complete the list, the files and numbers of the printed documents, with the numbers as printed, are first given.

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- 1327, August 14. Bond by William de Langhywish, John Marys and others to Sir John de Stonore for 10*l*. Dated at Ermyngton (ix, 1).
- 1345, August 1. Acquittance by Agnes Fryssel to John de Stonore, chivaler, for 10*l*. Dated at Stonor (ix, 2).
- c. 1350. Draft of bond for the conveyance by fine of Annotegrove, in Watlington, by Alice, wife of William Lincoln, a minor, to John de Stonore (i, 1).
- 1365, April 29. Receipt by Richard de Stonore to Edmund de Stonore for "toutz mes muniments touchantz mon heritage quy furent en la garde monsyre John de Stonore, son pier". Dated at London (ix, 3).
1369. Receipt by Henry Sottewell for a corrody due from Edmund de Stonore (i, 2).
1370. Quit claim by Edmund, son and heir of Sir John de Stonore, to William of Wykeham, bishop of Winchester, of the Manor of Ash and other lands in Hampshire, and release by the bishop to Edmund of his right in the Manor of le Uphalle in Rippingale with other lands in Lincolnshire (ix, 4).
- 1377-78. Writs directed to Edmund de Stonore as Sheriff of Oxfordshire and precepts issued by him (i, 9-24; see Nos. 9, 13, 15, 20, and 21 above).
1379. Receipt by Thomas Doily to Esmond de Stonore for 45*l*. to pay to Persevale Walsshe. Dated at Stonor (ix, 5).
- c. 1380. Grant by Edmund de Stonor and Margaret, widow of Edmund Hale, of the wardship of her daughters (ix, 6).
- 1390-91. Copies of five deeds relating to the settlement of Ermyngton and other lands by Ralph de Stonor enrolled in Chancery (i, 28-30).
- 1395, March 11. Writ of livery of dower for Joan, widow of Ralph de Stonor, in respect of a messuage in London (i, 31; see No. 33).
- c. 1430. Fragment of a petition by Richard — *re* — Sudeley, knight. Cf. No. 53 (i, 40).
- 1430, Nov. 24. Receipt by William Crofte, squire, to Thomas Stonore, and John Warfeld de Walyngford, "gentilman," for 40*l*. (ix, 7).
- 1444-45. Fragment of an account of rents and arrears at Stonor and Bix; H. Doggett, receiver; payments to Humphrey Forster (iii, 1).
- 1444-45. Rents at Stonor (iii, 2).
- 1451-52. Valuation of rents and arrears at Stonor and Watlington (iii, 3).
1459. Account of expenses incurred by Thomas Hampton and John Barantyne in obtaining the evidences of Sir Stephen Popham (iii, 12).

- c. 1460. The livelihood of Thomas Stonor at Bourton, Aylesbury ; mentions "my lord of Wiltshire,"—James Butler, *d.* 1461 (iii, 13).
- 1463. Account of John Weylond for rents and letting of meadows at Buscott (iii, 14).
- 1463, June 11. A memorandum as to rent from, &c., Reynoldes, and a bond of Thomas Stonor to Isabel Elmis of Henley (ix, 10).
- 1465. Account of expenses at Hembury : John Bondey, collector of rents (iii, 19).
- 1467, March 3. Receipt by Thomas Stonor, late sheriff of Berks., to Thomas Bassemor for 40s., "per manus Roberti Medford," for the farm of the bailwick of Morton Hundred (ix, 12).
- 1467, July 10. Condition of bond between John Rokys of Watford and Thomas Stonor and Thomas Mille¹ in 40*l.*, to secure a bond between John Rokys of Sudeley and John Rokys of Sherborne (ix, 13).
- 1469. Account of John Cokke, "servant to my mayster Stonor," for hire of sheep (iv, 1).
- 1469, December 22. Acknowledgment by Thomas Stonor that he has borrowed 20*l.* from Richard Lovell, gentleman, of Bucks (ix, 14).
- c. 1470. Debt by Sir Edmund Hampden to Sybil Harvey for 42*s.* for ale, and receipt by the hands of Thomas Stonore for 6*s.* 8*d.* (ix, 35).
- 1470. Account of expenses at Henley : includes "a payr of schoyn to M. Ysabell" (iv, 2).
- 1470. Michaelmas. Receipts at Rotherfield Peppard (iv, 3).
- c. 1470. Fragment of Articles against Thomas Stonor by John Colyn-grygge (iv, 4, cf. Nos. 190-2 above).
- 1470. Accounts of rents, and for the repair of the mill at Horton (iv, 34-36).
- 1471. Household and farming accounts at Horton (iii, 40-43).
- 1472, May 31. Receipt by Thomas Stonor to John Boundy, "rente-gaderer" of Hembury "as of the revenue of the same xxvi*s.* viij*d.*, "of the ferme there viij. li. xii*s.* iiij*d.*" (ix, 15).
- 1473, May 15. Receipt to Alexander Blakhall for rents at Rotherfield Peppard, viij li. xv*d.* (iv, 7).
- 1473, October 7. Bond of Thomas Stonor to Richard Osborn of London, gentleman, to abide by the award of John Swlyerd and Roger Townesend as to possession of Upper Graveney, Surrey (iv, 8).

¹? Thomas Mull.

- 1474, Feb. 13. Bond by Thomas Pultere of Down in Kent to Thomas Stonor (ix, 16).
1474. Five receipts by Jane Stonor in respect of her husband's estate (ix, 17-21).
- 1475, January 21. Bond of Joan Stonor, widow, William Stonor, Thomas Hampden of Hampden, and Thomas Ramsey, that they will grant to Elizabeth Barantyne, widow, their right in the wardship of Edith, daughter of John Hore, of Elsfield, by reason of a grant made by Alice, Duchess of Suffolk, to Thomas Stonor, deceased, whose heir is William, and whose executors are Joan, Thomas, and Thomas (iv, 15).
1475. Receipts and rents at Nurseling (iv, 20).
1476. Alternative schemes for the jointure of Mary Barantyne—see note on No. 294—(iv, 21).
1476. Rental of Stonor (iv, 25).
- 1476, July 4. Receipt by "Elissabet Stonor" to Thomas Crane "of the lyvelode at Steppenethe for midsomer quarter," 42s. 8d. "and of the lyvelode of Westminster and Steppynhythe"—1 Jan., 1476-77—53s. 4d. (ix, 24).
1477. Account of expenses at Nettlebed (iv, 26).
- 1478, May. Account of household expenses at Stonor by Richard Blakhall: includes eight loads of stone from Medmenham; "to Bucherer of Nettelbede when my lord Chansler was here xiijs. iiijd."; "for fysche the Saterdag after my lady come home, xxjd." (iv, 33, 34).
1478. Account of expenses on journeys by Richard Blakhall (iv, 35).
- 1479, Relic Sunday, July 11. Receipt by Humphrey Hayford to Richard Ratil for £4 6s. 8d. (ix, 25).
- 1479, Nov. 28. Receipt by Sir William Stonor to John Halewill, squire, for 40 marks, 6s. 8d.; paid to Harry Makkeney £23 6s. 8d., on 20 Nov.; £5 "to my ovne handys by the handys of John Wheler; so remaynyth onpayd of det of Myghelmas laste paste afore thys day xxs., wyche is respytyte for serteyn vexe and mercements of Plympton Castell to me onserten. Willm. Stonore, kny3th" (ix, 26).
- 1480, January 24. Indenture between Sir William Stonor, supervisor of the testament of Richard Sponer, and Margaret, late wife of the said Richard, and William Berd, executors, covenanting for the fulfilment of the will, which provided for bequests to the Friars of Reading, the mother church of Lincoln, and the parish churches of Pyrton, Pusell, Nettelbed, Bixegebeon, Byxebond, Falley and

- Tyrfeld; his son Thomas was to have the reversion of the manor place in Watlington on his mother's death; other sons, William, Richard, John and Robert; daughters, Maud, Alice, wife of John Bernard, and Agnes, wife of Richard Shepherd (ix, 30).
- 1480 May 31. Receipt for 20*li.* by William Baldry and William Frankeleyn to Sir William Stonor (ix, 28).
- 1480, August 1. Acknowledgment by Sir William Stonor that he had borrowed 20*li.* of John Heuchent of Ermyngton to be repaid at Michaelmas. "In wytnesse wherof I wryte thys byll w^t my ovne hand. Wyllm. Stonore, knyth" (ix, 29).
1480. Recovery of the manor of Berkedene, Devon, by Richard Page and Christopher Coke against William and Agnes Stonor (iv, 40).
- c. 1480. List of jurors at Watlington; one is John Shepwass (iv, 41).
1480. Account by Robert Rolf of Pirton for corn delivered at Stonor (iv, 42).
- 1480-82. Various accounts by William Tyler, bailiff at Wargrave (iv, 43-56).
- 1481, September 1. Receipt by John Mathew, on behalf of Sir William Stonor to Robert Rolf of Pyrton, for 5 marks for the farm of the parsonage of Pyrton (ix, 32).
- 1482, March. Account of wood sales (v, 10).
- 1482, May 16. Receipt by Sir William Stonor to John Abrey for the farm of the parsonage of Pyrton (ix, 33).
- 1483, April 27. Commission to Sir William Stonor and others for the assessment of a Subsidy in Oxfordshire¹ (v, 14).

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- Board wages of a servant (iv, 57).
- Eight brief accounts of various expenses (v, 2-9).
- Arrears at Sotwell Stonor (v, 16).
- Part of a letter and account relating to Reading and Stokenchurch (v, 17).
- A long memorandum of wood-sales at Warnescombe and Brounesdon (v, 18).
- A fragment of a terrier (v, 19).
- The building of the place at Ashenden—mentions John Blackhall, perhaps c. 1470—(v, 20).

¹ See *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, Edw. iv, etc., iii, 354.

Part of a sheriff's account for Berks (v, 21).

Fragment of an account (v, 22).

Receipt by Sir William Stonor to John Boundy, "rent-gaderer" of Hem-bury, for 15s.—dated 29 Oct. (ix, 36).

Acknowledgment by William Stonor of debt owing to Parker for velvet and sarcenet (ix, 37).

NOTE:—For *Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv., 58, 59, and xvii, see *Addenda*, on pp. 185-7.

II. STONOR DEEDS.

All these Deeds are in Class C. (Chancery) of *Ancient Deeds* at the Record Office. They are arranged here in chronological order, the number in the Catalogue being given at the end of the title of each deed. Since the official Catalogue is readily accessible only summary titles are given here. Those deeds which are of sufficient interest are printed in full, or in abstract, in their proper places in the text. One Deed, C. 8834 (No. 61) has not yet been catalogued.

- 1280, Nov. 10. Grant by John Peverel, lord of Ermyngton, to Iseult, his daughter, of his tenements of Pyk, Stoford, and Herford, with appurtenances, from the waste of Herford and river of Erm to Ivy-bridge.¹ C. 4688.
- c. 1290. Grant by Richard de Stonor to Richard, his son, and Cicely, his son's wife (see No. 1). C. 221.
1291. Grant to Richard de Stonor of land in Goldore, Watlington. C. 294.
1307. Sale to John de Stonor of the wardship of Thomas de la Hay in Hembury. C. 1185.
1309. Release to John de Stonor of land in Hembury. C. 581.
- 1310, March 12. Conveyance by John de Stonor of land in Hembury. C. 2330.
- 1315, Nov. Grant to John de Stonor and Adam, his brother. C. 3213.
1317. Grant to John de Stonor of land in Tyghelhurst, Berks. C. 1710.
- 1317, Oct. 15. Enfeoffment of Dudcote to John de Stonor and his wife, Maud. C. 3598.
- 1323, Sept. 30. Grant to John de Stonor of land in Burton (Bierton), Bucks. Mentions his wife, Maud. C. 1311.

¹ Though this is not strictly a Stonor Deed it is included here, since it no doubt formed part of the title deeds of the Stonor estate at Ermington.

- 1324, Feb. 17. Quitclaim by John de la Hay to Sir John de Stonor of land in Hembury. C. 5740.
- 1324, August 6. Demise for ten years by Thomas Larchier to Sir John de Stonor and Adam, his brother, of the manors of Werpesgrave and Esingdon. C. 6183.
- 1329, April 14. Release to John de Stonor of land in Hembury Cherleton and Westbury. C. 657.
1329. Grant to Sir John de Stonor of land in Aylesbury. C. 231.
- 1330, June 15. Sale to John de Stonor by Maud, executrix and widow of Thomas de Saukeville. C. 2155.
- 1350, Oct. 4. Lease by John de Stonor of the manor of Dodecote, Berks. C. 2743.
- 1358, Feb. 26. Demise by John de Stonor of land in Sottewell, Berks. C. 2605.
- 1358, March. 21. Grant by John de Stonor of land in Sottewell. C. 1369.
- 1359, Jan. 6. Demise by John de Stonor of land in Sottewell. C. 1768.
1361. Demise by John de Stonor of land in Sottewell. C. 2354.
- 1363, Oct. 4. Demise by Sir Thomas Tirel to Edmund de Stonor (see No. 6). C. 2529.
- 1364, Dec. 5. Receipt by Edmund de Stonor (see No. 7). C. 1357.
- 1365 (?). Grant by Edmund de Stonor to feoffees of lands in Penyton Meysy, Foxcote, and Shipton. C. 5729.
- 1365, Sept. 26. Indenture by [Edmund de Stonor] lord of Harnhull; seemingly a lease of the Manor. C. 3186.
- 1366, March 7. Grant by Richard Stonor of Hurstmonceaux of land in Hurstmonceaux.¹ A. 4170.
- 1367, May 8. Grant by John Corderay to Edmund de Stonor of land in Penyton Meisy. C. 2208.
- 1368, May 31. Defeasance of bond by Edmund de Stonor to Henry de Sottewell.² C. 2607.
- 1368, April 11. Demise by Edmund de Stonor of land in Watlington. C. 398.
- 1371, Oct. 1. Demise by Edmund de Stonor of land in Hembury. Dated at Stonor. C. 869.

¹ Though this relates to a member of the Stonor family, it comes (as the number indicates) from another collection.

² Cf. p. 166.

- 1373, Oct. 1. Demise by Edmund de Stonor to Thomas Canterbury of land in Penyton Meysy. C. 3704.
- 1377, May 13. Delivery of goods of Queen's College, Oxford, before Edmund de Stonor, sheriff (see No. 18). C. 1782.
- 1378, Jan. 25. Bond to Edmund de Stonor by John Harpourt of Woodstock. C. 1870.
- 1378, Jan. Indenture that Edmund de Stonor, sheriff, had delivered farm-stock at Steventon under the King's writ. C. 6389.
- 1392, Feb. 26. Ralph de Stonor, lord of Penyton, testis. C. 541.
- 1392, June. Grant by Ralph de Stonor of lands at Bixgebuyn, Oxon. C. 6979.
- 1394, Sept. 6. Grant by Ralph de Stonor to William Esyn-ton of land in Piriton. C. 2278.
- 1415, Dec. 6. Grant by Thomas de Stonor to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, Thomas Chaucer, John Golafre, Hamo Bealknapp and John Warefeld of the reversion of the manor of Beerton by Ailesbury. C. 5718, see also C. 3122.
- 1419, June 24. Indenture of payment by John Kent to the lady de Stonor of arrears and rents of Dodecote, Harnhull, Stonor, Watlington, and Bourton. C. 5558.
- 1419, Sept. 24. Grant by Thomas de Stonor to John Yeman of Hembury of land in Byllesham. C. 3125.
- 1423, May 1. Demise of Penyton Meysy (see No. 43). C. 3536.
- 1424, May 1. Grant by Thomas de Stonor of land in Dudecote. C. 1631.
- 1424, May 13. Demise by Thomas de Stonor of land in Hembury. C. 2726.
- 1424, Sept. 14. Demise by Thomas de Stonor of land in Hembury. C. 521.
- 1424, Sept. 30. Indenture for Richard Fortescu at Ermyngton (see No 45). C. 3015.
- 1425, Nov. 24. Sale by Thomas de Stonor to William Rothewell of Repyngale and all his other lands in Lincolnshire. C. 1223.
- 1426, Nov. 30. Grant by Sir Hugh Wolf to Thomas de Stonor, John Hampden, John Cottesmore, and Thomas Berdeslegh, of rent from manor of Bensyngton. C. 2794.
- 1427, June 20. Demise by Thomas de Stonor of land in Hembury. C. 888.
- 1432, May 2. Grant of the manor of Penyton Meysy by the feoffees to Alice de Stonor for life. C. 401.

- 1432, Dec. 1. Grant by Richard and Alice Drayton to provide for the education of Isabel Stonor (see No. 56). C. 1229.
- 1433, Dec. 4. Demise by Thomas Chaucer and others to Nicholas Wyfold of "Botulphus Puddellez" in Shenyngheld, Berks. C. 1482.
- 1455, Feb. 13. Bond by Thomas Stonor, late sheriff of Oxon., to Thomas Kent, clerk of the Council. C. 5650.
- 1456, May 20. Demise by Thomas Stonor and others of Janyns Place in Hembury. C. 3407.
- 1457, Jan. 21. Receipt by William Norys to Thomas Stonor for payment as sheriff. C. 1968.
- 1460, Dec. 27. Indenture for hire of sheep by Symon Cooke from Thomas Stonor (see No. 61). C. 8834.
- 1461, Dec. 20. Demise to Thomas Stonore, Henry Doggett, and others, of a toft called Worthy, at Hembury. C. 158.
- 1463, Nov. 20. Bond by Thomas Stonor to John Devene of Henley. C. 2161.
- 1465, July 16. Indenture of sale by Richard Drayton to Thomas Stonor of Rotherfield Pippard and other lands for 500 marks. On payment in full Thomas is to reconvey to Richard and Alice Drayton for life. Signed by R. Drayton: seal. C. 6944.
- 1465, Sept. 7. Conveyance by Richard Drayton, Alice Drayton, Thomas Ramsay, Thomas Mull, and John Fythion, clerk, to Thomas Stonor, William Belknap, Thomas Saqueville, William Marmyon, Richard Bedford, and Henry Dogett, of the manor of Rotherfield Pippard, formerly belonging to Thomas Blount, with land called Sparrowes. C. 2391.
- 1467, June 22. Receipt by Thomas Rokes (see No. 88). C. 1288.
- 1471, April 2. Letters of Attorney by Thomas Stonor, the younger, and Sibill Breknok (see No. 114). C. 1106.
- 1472, April. Draft of bond by Thomas Stonor, the younger, and Thomas Stonor, the elder, to Richard Quatermayns, and Richard Fowler (see No. 114). C. 5014.
- 1472, Oct. Acquittance by Thomas Stonor to William Forteye of Harnhull. C. 3129.
- 1474, Feb. 12. Disclaimer by Thomas Stonor of deed whereby Humphrey Forster named him one of the feoffees of Harpeden. C. 1639.
- 1474, Feb. 13. Bond of Thomas Pultere of Down, in Kent, to Thomas Stonor. C. 4997.

- 1475, Feb. 14. Bond, and voidance thereof, between Richard Fitzlowys and William Stonor. C. 1607 and 1670.
- 1476, Oct. 20. Demise by William Stonor to John Walle of lands in Hembury. C. 1486.
- 1478, Feb. 18. Conveyance of "the Moote" at Westminster (see No 202). C. 6967.
- 1478, March 1. Bond by John Mershe of Watlyngton, shoemaker, to Sir William Stonor. C. 1096.
- 1478, April 16. Bond by Peter Marmyon to John Doyly of Iveden for 100*l.* To be void if Marmyon abides by the arbitration of Sir William Stonor, Sir Edmund Rede, and Humphrey Forster, concerning the rent from the manor of Iveden granted to Eleanor, wife of Peter Marmyon, for life, as to which a suit was pending in the Common Bench. C. 2747.
- 1478, May 14. Indenture with William Sommer, bargeman of Henley (see No. 209). C. 2288.
- 1478, July 9. Indenture apprenticing Richard Thornton of Calais, gentleman, to Thomas Wixton of Wycombe, *barbitonsor et medicus*; witnessed by Sir William Stonor. C. 1562.
- 1478, Oct. 8. Demise by Sir William Stonor and Walter Elmes of messuage in Radwyke, Hembury. C. 3328.
- 1479, Jan. 21. Sale of timber to John Mersshe, "corveser," of Watlyngton. C. 5065.
- 1479, March 26. Grant of annuity to William Hattecluf (see No. 238). C. 3716.
- 1479, Dec. Copy of grant of Stewardship of Thame to Sir William Stonor (see under No. 255). C. 5623.
- 1479, Dec. 6. Copy of Indenture of purchase by Sir William Stonor from Thomas Stretely for woods of Bosmere, in Falley, &c. C. 5623.
- 1480, Jan. 24. Sale of wood by Sir William Stonor to Herre Chone (see under No. 246). C. 3131.
- 1481, Feb. 7. Indenture for the Mill at Watlyngton (see No. 283). C. 124.
- 1481, March 1. Indenture between Sir William Stonor and Peter Marmyon, the elder, of Thame: Marmyon releases Stonor from a recognisance of 500*l.* entered into in Chancery on 20 Nov., 1480. C. 2320.
- 1481, April 7. Grant by John Hampden, son of John, brother of Sir Edmund Hampden, to Sir William Stonor of the reversion of

the manor of Dudcote, Berks., of which Joan, widow of Thomas Stonor, was tenant for life. C. 1541.

1483, Jan. 9. Receipt by Unton and Carpenter (see No. 325).

C. 1112.

1483, Jan. 10. Sale by Sir William Stonor to John Hart of 17 acres of wood at Hembury. C. 3133.

1483, March 6. Sale of wood. Dated at Stonor.

C. 7094.

III. STONOR. ESTATE ACCOUNTS

Amongst the *Ministers' Accounts* at the Record Office there are a large number of Accounts of Receivers, Bailiffs and Collectors of the Stonor Estates, ranging from 1325 to 1479. Nearly all are now stamped "Chancery" and must have come from the Tower, where they no doubt formed part of the original collection of Stonor Papers. But 759/22 is stamped "Treasury of the Exchequer," and 759/25 and 26 and 850/15 are stamped "Exchequer, Queen's Remembrancer;" these four documents had probably been detached from the others in the early part of the nineteenth century. Most of the Accounts are of no great interest, though they occasionally illustrate the Letters. Two have been treated at length in Nos. 41 and 228. Here a summary list is given of them all, noting anything of special interest. As some Accounts relate to several places it seems best to adopt a chronological order. Unless otherwise stated the Account is from Michaelmas to Michaelmas. References to the official numbering in the *Ministers' Accounts* are added in brackets. A few other *Estate Accounts* have remained in *Chancery Miscellanea*, see pp. 166-70.

- 1327-28. Rippingale. Account of the bailiff of Sir John de Stonore (1122/14; parchment).
- 1329-30. Stokehallyng, Walton and Aylesbury. Richard de Dodecote, serjeant of John, son of Sir John de Stonore (1240/27; parchment).
- 1331-32. Stokehallyng. Richard de Dodecote, serjeant, &c. (1240/28; parchment, 2 skins).
- 1332-33. Stokehallyng. Richard de Dodecote, keeper, &c. (1240/29; parchment, 2 skins).
- 1332-33. Stoke. Robert de Man, bailiff of the manor for Sir John de Stonore (1240/22; parchment, damaged.)
- 1332-33. Burtone (Bierton near Aylesbury). Richard de Dodecote, keeper of the manor. Two items are: "In CCCC. plantis albi
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- spini pro reparacione fossati gardini," and "In donacione domini pro opere ecclesie de Bourtone vj. s. viij. d.". (759/21; parchment roll, 2 skins; damaged).
1333. Burtone. Richard de Dodecote, keeper. Account from 29 Sept. to 2 Nov. (759/22; parchment, 2 skins).
- 1333-34. Burtone. Robert de Locman, bailiff; account from 2 Nov., 1333, to 29 Sept., 1334 (759/23; parchment roll, 2 skins; damaged).
- 1333-34. Stoke. Robert de Man, bailiff (1240/23; parchment, 2 skins).
- 1335-36. Stoke. Robert de Man, bailiff. One item is: "In expensis Johannis de Stonore venientis ad comitatum de Ayl[esbury] pro hominibus de Stoke, xxj. s. ob. et. iij capones. de stauro". (1240/24; parchment.)
- 1335-36. Rippingale. Account of the bailiff of Sir John de Stonore (1247/16; parchment, very bad condition).
- 1336-37. Stonor. Account of Roger de Dodecote, bailiff of John de Stonore in his manor of Stonore (1248/14; parchment).
- 1336-37. Bourton. Account of Robert le Man, bailiff of John de Stonore (1240/17; parchment roll, 2 skins; damaged).
- 1337-38. Burtone. Walter atte Well, bailiff (759/24; parchment roll, 3 skins; badly damaged).
- 1339-40. Stoke. William de Dodecote, bailiff, "domini Johannis de Stonore, junioris, in manerio suo" (1240/25; parchment).
- 1344-45. Stokehallyng and Burton. John Doyly, serjeant of John de Stonore (1240/26; parchment, 2 skins; damaged).
- 1344-50. Burton. Various reeves (759/25; parchment, 2 skins).
- 1345-46. Burton and Stoke. Account of John atte Grene de Couxham, bailiff of Sir John de Stonore (1240/18; parchment roll, 2 skins).
1346. Condicote. A bailiff's account (1247/2; parchment roll, 2 skins).
- 1356-57. Dodecote. John Shreman, reeve (1240/3; parchment).
- c. 1360. Bourton (1240/30; the heading is lost; parchment, 3 skins).
- 1366-67. Burton. John Paskeden, reeve (759/26; parchment.)
- 1381-82. Stonor. William Tokevyle, bailiff; a farming account (1248/15; paper).
- 1382-83. Ermyngton. Stephen Smart, bailiff (827/33; parchment, in bad condition).
- 1383-84. Ermyngton. Stephen Smart, bailiff; like the previous account includes account as bailiff of the Hundred of Ermyngton (827/34; parchment).
- 1386-87. Stonor. John Symond, bailiff. Account is delivered to Sir

- Robert Bealknap. Gives receipts for Perynton and Warmyscombe; but is chiefly a farm account; mentions Parkfeld, Makkefeld, Welfeld, Bykkele, and Nethyr Bykkele (1248/16; parchment).
- 1398-1410. Retherfeld Pyppard. Accounts of John White, farmer for John Draiton, for 1398-99, 1403-5, and 1407-10 (1248/13; parchment, 6 skins).
- 1416-17. Account of John Warefeld, receiver (1122/15; see No. 41).
- 1418-20. Account of John Warefeld, receiver for Thomas Stonor; 1418-19. Account of John Warefeld, servaunt of Thomas Stonor; acknowledges receipts from Robert Charyngworth, £1 6. 8; from John Dymmok, farmer of Ermyngton, £16; and from Thomas West, bailiff of Sottewell. Payments include expenses in Admiralty Court (see vol. i, p. 31 above). Total clear, £20. 10. 10 (750/17: paper).
- 1419-20. Hembury: Thomas Saunders, farmer. Rypingale, John Thorp, farmer. Harnhulle: John Ryver, farmer, Geoffrey Hyde, collector. Watecombe: John Chapman, collector. Penyton Meysy: John Paty, farmer. Bensheves: Alvere Kent, farmer. Horton Kyrkeby: John Hampne, farmer (1250/2; paper).
- 1419-20. Sottewell: Thomas West, collector. Stonore: Thomas Parker, collector. Duddecote: Walter Farlyan, reeve (1240/15; paper).
- 1419-21. Hembury in Saltmerssh: Thomas Saunders, farmer, Michaelmas, 1420, to Lady-day, 1421. Stonor: Thomas Parker, collector, 1420-21. Ermyngton: John Dymmok, esquire, farmer, 1419-20; receipts £63. 6. 8; paid to John Warefeld, "senescallus domini," and to the lord at Stonor by the hands of William Mayn and John Hals, £53. 6. 8 (1122/16; parchment).
- 1419-21. Ermyngton. Account of John Dymmok, "locum tenens" for Thomas Chaucer, John Warfeld, and others, by gift and enfeoffment of Thomas Stonor, late lord there. Expenses include: "ij carpent. conduct. xiiij dies et di. pro le pylery, stokkys, et skylysyngstole¹ factis cum hostiis et aliis necessariis apud Erm. x. s; ij twystys hokys pro le stokkys firmand., xvij. d. "; and for William Mayne "apud Erne knoll pro le zandway". Attached is a summary account by Dymmok as farmer of the manor of Ermyngton; £8. 18. 2. was spent on repairs "magne Camere" (827/35; parchment and paper).

¹ i.e. scolding-stool.

- 1420-22. Account of John Warffeld, late receiver of Thomas de Stonore. Arrears of last account, £20. 10. 10; John Paty, farmer of Penyton, £9. 6. 8; Thomas West, reeve of Sottewell, £4. 13. 4; Walter Farlyon, £10; John Chapman of Watlyngton, £4; John Paty, £9. 6. 8; Avereý Kent, £2; from the lord at London, 13s. 4d. Total, £61. 0. 8 (*sic*). Payments include: to lord at London, £20; to lord by William Boteler, £4; his own fee, £10; to lord as rent of manor of Pushull, for 2 years, £5; to lord as rent of Iveden, £5. 16. 0; to lord at London in the church of St. Paul by Thomas Berdeslegh, £2; total £57. 10. 8 (1248/24; parchment).
1421. Hembury. "Stonores Courte." Account of John Bedale, bailiff, from the eve of St. John the Baptist to the morrow of Michaelmas. (855/1; paper.)
- 1421-22. Sottewell: Thomas West, farmer. Wattecombe: John Chapman, collector; mentions "domina Elizabeth Bereford". Duddecote: Walter Farlyan, collector. Bensheves: Avery Kent, collector. Hembury: John Bedale, bailiff. Penyton Mesy: John Paty, bailiff; for 1420-21. Harnhull: Geoffrey Hide, collector. Bourton: Richard Hervy, farmer (1250/3; parchment, 3 skins).
- 1422-24. Stonor: Thomas Blakehall, collector. Duddecote: Walter Farlyan, reeve (1240/4; paper).
- 1422-24 and 1431-32. Wattecombe: John Chapman (1240/16; paper).
- 1424-25. Stonor. Thomas Blakehall, collector (1248/17; paper).
- 1425-27. Sottewell. Ric. Calday, collector; 1426-27. Stonor: Thomas Parker, collector; 1425-27. Endorsed is a summary of a household account by William Botiller (1122/17; paper).
- 1430-31. Sottewell; Redyng, Bensheves; Borton cum Cundecote. John Warefeld, Junior, collector, (750/18; parchment).
- 1430-32. Account of John Warefeld, senior, receiver for Thomas Chaucer, and John Golafre, feoffees of Thomas Stonor, for manor of Stonor and expenses on escheats in various counties (1122/18; paper; torn).
- 1433-34. Bourton cum Condicote. John Warefeld, junior, collector (850/15; parchment).
- 1436-37. Account of John Warefeld, senior, one of the feoffees of Thomas Stonor, deceased; for the manors of Stonor-cum-Byxes, Dodecote, Watlyngton, Sottewell, Redyng, "cum membris," and Boorton-cum-Condicote. Total receipts, £92. 13. 1. Fees to Warefeld and others, £32. 6. 8. Payments include: to Thomas

- Taillour of Walyngford, for three yards of black cloth "per preceptum domine pro Elizabeth Stonore," 7s.; to Richard Restwold, late sheriff of Oxfordshire, for debts of Thomas Stonor in the exchequer, £7. 12. 8; to Richard Drayton and Thomas Ramsey at Stonor, £26. 13. 4. On two other skins are the accounts of the collectors at Watlyngton, Stonor, Sottewell, Redyng, Bourton, Condicote and Dodecote (1122/19; parchment, 3 skins).
- 1437-38. Hundred of Ermyngton. John Benet, bailiff (827/36; parchment).
- 1437-42. Dodecote. Account of Walter Farlian, collector, and farmer. Farm of the manor for five years during minority of the heir, £200; rents, £7. 8. 4; receipts of courts, £5. 14. 4. Payments include for five years suit of court to Honour of Walyngford, 10s.; five years annuity of Alice Wyot, £100 (1240/6; parchment, 1 skin, and a slip with further details).
1438. Dudecote. Extent of the manor of the ffeoffees of Thomas de Stonore (1240/5; paper).
- 1442-43. Dodecote. Walter Farlion, collector and farmer. Alice Wyot's annuity, £20; corn delivered "ad hospicium Alicie Stonor"; other liveries to Alice Draiton (1240/7; parchment).
- 1443-45. Dudecote. Walter Farlion, collector and farmer. Payments to Humphrey Forster, "vice et nomine Thome Stonore," Henry Doget, receiver (1240/8; parchment).
- 1447-49. Dodecote. John Harewell, William Thomys, Richard Collard and William Webbe, collectors and farmers. Liveries to Thomas Stonor and Henry Doget (1240/9; parchment).
- 1449-50. Redyng: Robert Keyns, collector. Bourton and Condicote: Robert Benet, collector (750/10; parchment).
- 1449-51. Dudecote. Walter Farlion, collector; livery of money to William Butteler de Stonor and Henry Dogett (748/5; paper).
- 1455-56. Ermyngton. William Hunsdon, bailiff; expenses include "pro domibus domini reparandis"; liveries of money "per Johannem Rytte" (827/37; paper).
1457. Arrears of manors. Didcote: Walter Farlyon for 25th year; John Harpedon and William Thomas for 27th year; Richard Collard and William Webbe for 28th year; Walter Farlyon for 29th year. Sottewell: Thomas West for 9th year. Stonor cum Bix (tenants only), Watlyngton (tenants only), Burton cum Condicote: John Roger and John Heynes, late farmers of Condicote. Reading: John Parker, farmer of Bensheves (1122/20, paper).

- 1458-63. Redyng. Robert Pyder, collector. Payments to Reading Abbey for Bensheves. Liveries to Henry Doget, receiver (1240/13; parchment).
- 1463-67. Redyng. Robert Pyder, collector, 1463-66; Thomas Wykes, collector, 1466-67 (750/11; parchment).
- 1465-66. Duddecote. William Butteller, collector. "Pro nova factura duarum spaciary de le Malthous," 29s. 11*d.* Liveries to William Coventre, "servienti domini". Walter Farlyon's heriot. Payment "Rogerio Bulkeley, doctori in theologia, Rectori ibidem," 23s. 4*d.*, "assignati per dominum". (1240/10; parchment).
- 1466-69. Duddecote. Thomas Wykes, collector. Payment to Bulkeley in 1466-67 (1240/11; parchment).
1466. Arrears of Officers of Thomas Stonor, at Michaelmas, 1466. Dudcote, William Butteller, collector, 35*s.* Watlyngton: William Kaylok, arrears of rent, 6*s.* 2*d.*; Thomas Gygur, late collector, arrears of 1465, £6. 6. 0; William Coventre, collector for 6th year, £4. 19. 2; allowance for audit fees, 20*s.* "De denariis debitis Henr. Choune pro tectura molendini apud Watlyngton vj. s. Et pro cera Th. Gygour viij. s. ix. d." (1122/21; paper).
1469. Stonore cum Pushull. Arrears of rents with tenants names. (1248/18; paper).
1478. Rent roll of Sir W. Stonor (1250/6; see No. 228).
- 1478-79. Watlynton, Redyng, and Stonor; arrears of rents (1122/22; paper).

IV. RENTALS.

In the class of documents arranged under *Rentals and Surveys* at the Record Office there are a few which appear to have formed part of the Stonor Papers.

ERMYNGTON, Devon.

1418. Michaelmas to Christmas. "Summa istius termini, lxx. s. ij. d. q." Amongst the names are those of John Prydeaux, Richard Champernoun, Hugh Frende, John Frende and John Dymmok. "Ferme terre dominice. Summa, viij. li. xx. d." Names include: Simon Lode, pro le Medefete; Willelmus Ray, pro Yerne Knoll; Johannes Crokker, pro Ellewill Park; Hugo Frende, pro domo subter viam; Rand. Hill, pro domo vocato Seler; Johannes Peperell, pro Esthame; and Johannes Paulysfote. *Rentals and Surveys*, Portfolio $\frac{1}{1}$.

SOTTEWELL STONOR.

(1) 1426. Memorandum that at a Court Thomas Wells came and took a cottage of the Lords, viz., Thomas Chaucer, John Golafre, and John Warfeld. (2) 1426. Rentale Thome Stonor ad duos anni terminos. (3) 1361. Rentale Manerii domini Johannis de Stonore ibidem anno Regis Edwardi tercii xxxv°. *Rentals and Surveys*, Roll 4.

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1464. Stonor. *Rentals and Surveys*, Portfolio $\frac{1}{2}$.

1470. Stonor cum Pishill. *Id.* Portfolio $\frac{1}{3}$.

WATCOMBE, WATLYNGTON ET MEMBRA.

1492. 10 Oct. Manerium Willelmi Stonor, militis. Standelf: no return from the land late of Sir Edmund Rede "eo quod Willelmus Stonor, miles, habuit diversas terras et tenementa, voc. Padnalles, infra Hamelett de Netylbed in excumbium pro eadem sibi et heredibus suis in perpetuum". "Hospitium de le Hert voc. Crasewellis." "Pelourburne." "Firma molendini equini cum

uno messuagio annexo, liij. s. iiij. d." "Firma molendini aquatici de Cuxham, l. s." "Summa tota is xli. li. xvij. s. v. d." *Rentals and Surveys*, Roll 552.¹

V. COURT ROLLS OF STONOR MANORS AT THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

Bierton near Aylesbury, 155/4 (1467-68).
 Bourton, Gloucestershire, 175/17 (1425-27).
 Ermington, Devon, 167/25 (1416-18).
 Horton, Kent, 181/35, 36 (1380-98), 227/96 (1385).
 Nursling, Hampshire, 210/35 (1380-1442), 227/101, 102 (1436, 1477-79).
 Penton Mewsey, Hamp-hire 227/103 (1431-34) and 201/35 (1434).
 Sotwell, Berks, 154/62 (1422-39).
 Stonor, Oxfordshire, 197/66-68 (1362-1438) Stonor and Bix, 197/11 (1391-1416).
 Wallingford, Honour of, 212/12 (1441-42).
 Watcombe, Oxfordshire, 154/75 (1431-36).
 Watlington, Oxfordshire, 197/70-74 (between 1332 and 1461).

NOTE.—I have unfortunately not been able to examine the Muni-ments still preserved at Stonor. Professor Powicke, who has seen them, informs me that there are few papers of earlier date than 1500, and none of these seem to be of importance except for the will of the second Thomas Stonor, which is dated in 1468; it must have been later than 8th October, *see* vol. i., p. 141.

¹ This is the only document in the *Stonor Papers* of later date than 1483. There are, however, at the Record Office various Accounts and Rentals relating to the Stonor estates during the time that they were in the possession of Sir Adrian Fortescue, who married Sir William Stonor's daughter. These latter probably found their way to the Public Records independently, and it is possible that the Watlington Rental of 1492 belongs to this latter series.

VI. ADDENDA TO MISCELLANEOUS STONOR MSS.

Since the Calendar on pp. 165-70 was compiled three more documents have come to light. One of them is of slight interest, viz. "An Account of payments to John Bray at Stonor and elsewhere" (*Ch. Misc.*, 37, iv, 59). The other two are dealt with below.

AN ACCOUNT BOOK OF THOMAS STONOR

1422-1431

The Accounts are written in a book covered in black leather, and containing 47 leaves of paper, though only 30 pages are written on. It may very probably be the "black boke" referred to in Note 3 on vol. i, p. 164; for this book would as a record of manorial payments be of value to the owner of Stonor. Most of the entries are receipts from various manors and estates between 1422 and 1431, viz. : Dodecote, Bensheves, Penynton, Watlyngton, Clayor, Sottewell, Bourton, Harnhull, Hembury, Condycote, Burton, Hopelond and Horton. Many payments were made to the Lady of Stonor, chiefly in 1424. Richard Calday seems to have been a General Collector; he paid arrears amounting to 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the lady of Stonor "durante vita domini" before Christmas 1430, and of 4*l.* on Passion Sunday (18th March) 1431 after the lord's death. John Wythik was farmer at Penton Mewsey in 1423-27 and William Withik afterwards (cf. vol. i, p. 33 above). Two entries of more interest are given in full. Philip Englefield was sheriff of Oxford and Berks. in 1430. There is no other reference to the Stonor Papers to the second Thomas Stonor's lawsuit in 1472 with Wyndesore. From *Ch. Misc.*, 37, xvii.

f. 42. Memorandum quod Philippus Engelfeld debet Thome Stonore pro tempore quo predictus Thomas fuit miles comitatus Oxon., viz. A regni regis Henrici Sexti octavo, xxvij. lib. Inde solvuntur predicto Thome de balliva Thame per manus Ricardi Calday viij li., a^o regni regis Henrici sexti nono. Item, solvuntur predicto Thome de balliva de Bolyndene per manus predicti Ricardi xiijs. iiij d. A^o regni regis Henrici sexti ix^o.

Inserted on a slip after f. 22.

Expense Thome Stonore, armigeri, circa sectas diversas termino Pasche A^o xij^o E. quarti.¹ In primis, pro breve Originali versus Wyndesore, ix. d. Item, pro capias proseguendo² inde, x. d. Item, pro feodo attornati, xx d. Item, pro sigillo harum exemplificationum, j d. Trinitas. xij^o. Item, pro breve de latitat versus Wyndesore, xiiij d. Item, pro feodo attornati, xx d. Summa totalis, vj s. jd.

WILL OF EDMUND STONOR

? 1475

From the reference to "the tyme that I cum ayene" it seems likely that this is a Will made before Edmund Stonor went to France in 1475 (see No. 152). "Barowyscott" or Buscot belonged to him under his father's will (No. 137). For Weylond, see p. 169. Denyun of Northend may be the person mentioned in No. 105. The Will is holograph and the signature is similar to that in Nos. 155 and 156. From *Ch. Misc.* iv. 58.

In Dei nomine Amen.

I bequeve my sowll to God and to our lady Seynt Mary, and to all seyntes in hevyne. I wyll þat my brothyr Stonor have my bedyng, a fedyr bed, a peyr of blankettes and ij peyr of shettes, a keverlett, a bollster and a pelow. Also I wyll þat Power have my grett dode, and Thomas a Wode my rossett gowne lynyd with hors ffless. Also I have grauntyd to Jhon Mathew my gowne forryd with schankys, with that þat my brothyr wyll gre therto. Also y wyll þe mony þat my tenauntes howyth me pay my dettes, that ys to sey Jhon Vyne and Weylond ys lothe.³ Jhon Vyne owyth me xxx. s. save xx. d., but he must be alowyd for my lyyng ther vjs. viiij d., and for dychyng and hedgyng vijs. Also my modyr hath gevyne me ij marys, þat be at Barowyscott, I wyll þat thay go to contentasyon of my dettes. Also my sawter I wyll þat my brothyr have yt unto þe tyme þat I cum ayene, yf yt pleas god þat I shall cum ayene, or els to be gevyn to sum man þat wyll pray for me, wher þat ye thyng best. Also Denyun of Northend hath a

¹ I.e. 1472.

² The original has "pro cap. po"; the above seems to be the most probable expansion.

³ The meaning is obscure.

x shepe of myne, wher of I have gevyn my brothyr Thomas vj, and þe remainder I wyll go to my dettes, or els the[r] as I may be prayd for. And the rent of them ys owyng. All so, my good brothyr, let my sowll nor my body stond in perrell her for, and I beseche you, brothyr, þat ye lett se þat therbe no man do no wast in my lond nor over pres my tenauntes.

Thys be the dettes þat I ow. In primis, to Raulyn Lond., xiiij s. iiij d. It., to the parson of Ypston, vj s. viij d. It., to Jhon Mathew, iiij s. iiij d. It., to syr Rychard of Fynchyrche, ij s. It., to Bardney, vjs. It., to Roberd Warner, ix s. iiij d. It., to Westys wyve of Godmer hend, x. s. It., to Rychard Chaundeler of Hendley ij s. It., to Thomas Westene, iiij s. iiij d.

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² xlv, 34. A fragment addressed to "Esmond Stonor, viscount d'Oxenfort".
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¹ xlv, 78. Signed "W. S.". The allusions show that it is not a Stonor letter.

² xlv, 126, is a fragment of a letter addressed to W. Stonor beginning "Right worshipfull brether," and asking for a "buck" for the writer's brother who "ys warden of his crafte".

³ xlv, 127, not a Stonor Letter: from Robert Wright, parson of Sedgefield, Durham.

⁴ xlv, 128, part of a letter. The signature is missing, but it is addressed "to my welbeloved cosyn William Stonor" and is dated at "Sherbourne". It is a request for a loan of money.

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¹ xlv, 226, is a fragment of a letter by Thomas Ramsey.

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¹ xlv, 251-54, Ormond letters.

² xlv, 256-57, W. Boerley to R. Fox, and J. Cawston to—?

³ xlv, 259, T. Fitz to his master.

⁴ xlv, 262-63, 268, Marchall letters. 265, M. Savage to Sir R. Parker. 267, R. Whittok.

⁵ xlv, 271-76. 27 seems to be an Ormond letter. 273 and 274 are Marchall letters. The others are doubtful, but do not seem to be Stonor letters.

GLOSSARY

In this Glossary are included such Latin words as seem to require explanation. A list of Latin legal terms is given at the end.

- abatryt**, to abate or curtail it, i. 131.
abere, to abear, to suffer i. 56.
aberdynne, haberdine, salted or dried cod, ii. 19, 73.
abstinence of werre, a truce, i. 67.
abyld, abled, empowered legally, ii. 144.
acatys, purchased provisions, i. 106.
advaile, avail, advantage, ii. 121.
advoide, to avoid, to leave, ii. 8.
akeyn again, ii. 121.
ale-wytys, ale fines, i. 130.
alye, kinsman, ii. 117.
amerciamenta (*Latin*), fines, i. 45.
amercyde, fined, i. 54.
amice, a sacramental vestment, i. 146.
anendes, against, ii. 146.
animpst, against, ii. 128.
annyse de Padawis, *perhaps* some silk fabric, for which Padua was famous, ii. 5.
apont, *possibly it should be "a pout"; pout is used of various kinds of fish*, ii. 72.
appeyrid, made worse, damaged, i. 150.
appiable, compliant, well-disposed, i. 128.
appose, to examine, to audit accounts, ii. 87.
appropure, to assign or annex to a religious corporation, ii. 122.
ar, ere, ii. 136.
aray, array, clothing, i. 113.
aschusyt, excuse it, i. 110.
asoyle, to absolve, ii. 80.
assartum (*Latin*), an asart, land brought into cultivation, i. 46.
asserteyne, to ascertain, to acquaint, i. 119.
astate, an estate, i. 104.
attemtes, attempts, undertakings, or *perhaps* attacks, ii. 142.
attendith, attends, gives heed, ii. 88.
attourne, power of attorney, i. 124.
avate, to await, ii. 145.
avayle, advantage, ii. 19.
aventure, adventure, i. 69.
avertes, to advertise, to admonish, i. 158.
avex, to annoy, i. 74.
avoydanys, avoidance, vacancy, i. 70.
awayll, to avail, to profit, ii. 134.
awbe, an alb, i. 116.
awelde, availed, i. 149; **aweyll**, i. 160.
awnedyrone, andirons, fire-dogs, i. 147.
aycynest, against, i. 61.
aynte, *the last letter is missing, and it is impossible to guess what Oxbrige intended, but the meaning is clearly covered*, ii. 5.
azeyns, **azanes**, against, i. 35, ii. 138.
banker, a tapestry covering for a bench, i. 43.
bargennia (*Latin*), a bargain, a contract, i. 30.
bastard, a sweet Spanish wine, ii. 74.
bawdkyn, baudekin, a rich brocade, i. 146.
bays, baize, i. 110.

be, by, *passim*.

bedeman, *properly* a petitioner, i. 68; an inferior under obligation to a superior, i. 35; bedeman or bedewoman is the ordinary form of subscription in the letter of an inferior, i. 109, 139.

beil, *see* bill.

beme, beam, a balance or weighing machine, ii. 65.

bere wyffe, a woman who retailed beer, ii. 69.

bessayll, bealaye, great grand-parent, i. 136.

bill, bylle, a written document, a letter, i. 70, 107; ii. 71.

blankked, white or undyed wollen cloth, i. 153.

boge, budge, fur of lambskin, ii. 16.

bokame, bokram, buckram, ii. 91.

botews, high boots, ii. 74.

botry, buttry, buttery, i. 147; ii. 141.

botys, boots, ii. 74.

braunches of wax, used of candles for devotional purposes, ii. 67.

bretell, brittle, perishable, mortal (cf. "How dim the rays that gild the brittle earth," Sir W. Jones), i. 32.

brigander, body armour for a foot-soldier, ii. 162.

broche, a broach, a spit, i. 147.

browes, brewis, broth, i. 144.

bruskynmell, some kind of cloth, brusk = tawny, i. 28.

budell, a beadle, i. 31.

bull (*Latin*), a bill [q.v.], i. 120.

bultyng-pipe, a vessel for bolting or sifting meal, i. 147.

buntyng-house, a place for bunting or sifting meal, i. 135.

buntyn-tunne, a tun for sifting meal, i. 43.

bylle, *see* bill.

cabulle, a cable, i. 147.

cacabus (*Latin*), a kettle, i. 43.

cade, a barrel of 600 herrings, i. 152.

calys, "A beme and ij calys," a balance and two scales, ii. 65.

canstykes, candlesticks, i. 146; ii. 141.

carcata (*Latin*), a load, i. 14.

carpet, a covering for a table, an altar-cloth, i. 146.

casula, *causula* (*Latin*), a case, i. 13.

cerche, search, ii. 139.

chaffur, a chafer, a chafing dish, i. 147.

chalker, the person who chalks or scores, *but possibly a mistake by Oxbrige for checker*, ii. 5.

chamlet, camlet, a costly fabric of wool and silk, ii. 19.

chawfed, chafed, vexed or scolded, i. 35.

chepyng, market, i. 57.

chere, shire, ii. 107.

cheverellaseys, laces of cheverel or kid, i. 110.

child, a boy servant or page, i. 97; "chylde of the chamber" or "buttery" ii. 74.

chipping-knyfe, a knife to cut bread, ii. 141.

choudeyshede, the head of some fish, *perhaps* cod, ii. 73.

church-ale, a yearly feast to commemorate the dedication of the church, often a means of raising money for maintenance, i. 69.

Clene Lent, the religious season, i. 110; ii. 119.

cloutyng, mending, patching, i. 99.

coberd, a cupboard, a sideboard, i. 147.

coburnes, cobirons, the iron on which a spit turns, i. 147.

cofyers, charcoal-burners, ii. 141.

comnante, *comynante*, a covenant, ii. 5, 136.

comon, *comyn*, to commune, to talk with, i. 123; ii. 138.

cones, conies, rabbits, i. 40.

confortyd, comforted, ii. 153.

conseit, opinion, conception, ii. 157.

conspromytt, to bind oneself mutually, i. 120.

contentacion, payment in satisfaction, i. 142.

contenue, contents, tenor, i. 119.

contrarie, to go against, ii. 157.

contune, to continue, ii. 42.

conynges, conies, rabbits, ii. 21.

conysan, cognisance, ii. 163.

cope, to pollard trees, ii. 121.

cope, a coop, ii. 72.

- cope**, copy, a transcript of an original, especially a copy of Court Roll, ii. 26, 84.
- cordewayner, cordewener**, a shoemaker, i. 63.
- corperas**, a linen cloth for covering the sacramental elements at Mass, i. 146.
- corrody**, an allowance for maintenance, ii. 166.
- corser**, a horse-dealer, i. 35.
- corveser**, a shoemaker, i. 64.
- cost**, pains, ii. 7.
- coterell**, a costrel, a bottle or wooden-keg with ears by which it could be hanged, a pilgrim bottle, i. 147.
- countrepanes**, counterpart of a deed, ii. 83.
- craysed**, diseased, in bad health, ii. 10; **crised**, ii. 19.
- crese cloth**, cress, crees, or crest, a kind of linen cloth, ii. 103.
- crest stone**, coping or ridge stone, i. 96.
- crikke**, crick, i. 35.
- crised**, *see* **craysed**.
- crocus** (*Latin*), saffron, i. 14.
- crokker**, a potter, i. 65.
- cry out upon her**, to call the banns (to cry is to give public notice), ii. 57.
- cryer**, an officer who makes public announcements, ii. 134-5.
- dayrove**, dayrawe, dawn, i. 97.
- decollacion**, Feast of the Decollacion of St. John (29 August), i. 41, 66.
- dele**, deal, part, i. 128; **everdele**, every part, the whole, ii. 4.
- denyer**, denial, i. 136.
- denyson**, denizen, an alien admitted to citizenship by Letters Patent, ii. 160.
- depart**, to divide, i. 55; "to depart from," to give away, i. 160; to distribute, ii. 7.
- departier**, departure, i. 126.
- derayne**, deraign, challenge, i. 60.
- derecacion**, dedication, ii. 73.
- derige, dyrige**, dirge, used of the whole burial service, i. 143; *in* ii. 69 *it is apparently used of* the twelve-month mind.
- desys**, *apparently meant for* deynties *or* delicacies, ii. 42.
- devor, dever, duty**, business, endeavour, ii. 89, 114.
- dewte**, *see* **duete**.
- deynte, deyntis**, delicacies, ii. 3, 14.
- distrenyd**, distrained, ii. 144.
- dode**, a rug or wrap, ii. 186.
- dorrey, dory**, bright yellow, i. 153.
- dosere, dorser**, a hanging, i. 43.
- dravythe**, draweth, to draw, to extend, to amount to, i. 132.
- duete**, duty, that which is owing or due, i. 114; **dywte**, ii. 39; **dewte**, ii. 41.
- dure**, to endure, to last, ii. 108.
- dymys, dismes**, tithes, ii. 139.
- dysworchyp**, dishonour, ii. 58.
- dytyng**, dighting, repairing, ii. 74.
- dywte**, *see* **duete**.
- egaly**, equally, ii. 27.
- ellynger**, *comp. of* elenge, more sorrowful or melancholy, ii. 69.
- encumbre**, to embarrass, to burden, ii. 142.
- endented**, made indentures of service, ii. 146.
- endosed, endorsed**, i. 87.
- engreynyd**, dyed in grain or fast colour, ii. 32.
- enprovyd**, improved, *in sense of* proven, shewn to be true, i. 140.
- ensure**, to tell confidently; to guarantee, i. 93.
- entrete**, to entreat; to deal with; i. 68; to treat with, to persuade, i. 130.
- ere, erly, year, yearly**, i. 54.
- eryng**, ploughing, i. 102.
- escaetour, eschetor, escheator**, i. 58; ii. 120.
- estrych fejurs**, ostrich feathers, i. 147.
- everychon**, every one, i. 68.
- evidens**, evidence of title, deeds, i. 71, 131; ii. 144.
- exhibucion**, exhibition, allowance for maintenance, ii. 23.
- eyre, air**, ii. 10.
- eysturs, oysters**, i. 152.
- eyur, heir**, i. 147.
- fardell**, a bundle, ii. 5.
- faux, false**, i. 76.
- fawtid of**, faulted of, failed to find, ii. 7.

- febel, feble, feeble, weak, poor, i. 32, 43.**
feffey, feffe, feoffee, i. 39; ii. 157.
feoder, feodary, a feudal officer, ii. 17.
ferme, fermor, farm, farmer, ii. 72, 80.
feryng, fairing, cleaning, i. 41.
fette, to fetch, i. 153, ii. 37.
filie, to fell, i. 134.
flayt silke, flat or floss silk for embroidery, i. 110.
flatte, downright, i. 156.
fless, perhaps floss; "hors fless," horse skin with the hair on, ii. 186.
fletcher, an arrow maker, i. 102.
florysshyng, decoration, ii. 67.
fochesafe, to vouchsafe, i. 65.
force, significance, ii. 143.
formete, furmenty or frumenty, hulled wheat boiled in milk and seasoned with cinnamon or sugar, ii. 72.
formill, forms, i. 43.
fors, force, i. 32.
fortenyth, fortnight, ii. 98.
foryete, to forget, i. 136.
fullyng-mill, a mill for fulling cloth, i. 106.
frouit, fruit, ii. 73.
fylle, to fell, i. 56.
gale, a galley, ii. 146.
galegys, galage, obs. form of galosh, a wooden patten or clog, ii. 74.
garland of wex, a garland or wreath of wax, ii. 67.
garnysshe, a set of vessels for table use, i. 147.
gedinge, guiding, managing, ii. 119, 125.
genciayn, gentian, i. 110.
gere, gear, apparel, clothes, ii. 15.
gerner, garners, ii. 50.
giste, a stand or rest (French gîte), i. 43.
gleyve, a glaive, a spear or halbert, i. 74.
gonger, conger, ii. 73.
gossheppe, gossip, i. 156.
grayle, a gradual or antiphony, i. 146.
gre, degree, ii. 109.
gre, to agree, ii. 186.
greders, gridirons, i. 147.
greengeese, young geese, i. 144.
gresse-tyme, the time when deer are in grease or fat and fit to kill, i. 156.
gret, gross, "to by be gret," ii. 146; "in grete," in the gross, i. 115.
grette, great, high in favour with, i. 156.
grewnd, ground, contraction for grehound, a greyhound, ii. 37.
groge, to grudge, to be dissatisfied, i. 104.
habernden, haberden, salted or dried cod, ii. 19.
habites, dress of a religious order, i. 142.
hake, hack, ii. 37.
halfindell, halfende, the half-part, ii. 14.
halywhatur stocke, a stock or stoup for holy water, i. 146.
ham, them, i. 32.
hangyng-bord, a hanging shelf, or board for hanging things on, i. 43.
hanketh, hangeth, i. 39.
harlatry, meretricious or attractive looking inferior stuff, ii. 91 (not in N.E.D.).
harnes, harness, body armour, equipment, i. 149; equipment of a woman's girdle, i. 57.
harnest, harnessed, armed, ii. 161.
havyers, behaviour, manners, ii. 56; cf. i. xxix.
hell, health, i. 157.
hem, them, ii. 3.
herabill, arable, ii. 50.
heve, hevy, heavy, sad, i. 53, 134.
hevynesse, sorrow, ii. 130.
hode monay, odd money, ii. 61.
hokys, hooks, ii. 179.
holle, holly, whole, i. 35; ii. 62.
holy candulle, candles for religious use, i. 152.
holymote, hallmoot, the lord's court, held in the Hall, ii. 30.
honowre day, the day for holding the Court of an Honour, ii. 33.
hooy, a hoy, ii. 42.
horse lofes, horse-bread, made of beans or bran, ii. 7.
hov, how, i. 137.
hure, their, i. 32.
hyny, M.E. hinc, a hind or labourer, ii. 139.
hyth, hie, haste, i. 60.

- i-bordid**, **i-kevered**, etc., boarded, covered, etc.
imbryng, imbering, ember, i. 107.
incombe, to encumber, to trouble, ii. 85.
inesier, less easy, more troubled, ii. 99.
infortune, ill fortune, ii. 147.
inkewere, to inquire, i. 16.
innybucion, inhibition, order of an ecclesiastical court stopping proceedings in an inferior court, i. 119.
inproper, to improper, to appropriate or annex a benefice, ii. 118.
intend, to set out for, ii. 47.

jackus, jacks, i. 147.
jantaculum (*Latin*), the Sheriff's breakfast to the judges, i. 46.
japys, japes, trifles, trinkets, ii. 15.
joberde, jeu party, i. 110.
jowter, a fish-hawker, i. 64.
jussell, a hotch-potch, made of miced meat and herbs, i. 144.

karchew, kerchief, i. 146.
karyssey, **karsey**, kersey, a coarse cloth, usually ribbed, i. 101, 153.
keelyd, cooled, ii. 45.
kemelyn, a kimmel, a tub for household purposes, such as brewing or kneading, i. 43.
kendall, green woollen cloth made at Kendal, i. 153.
keve, geve, give, ii. 133.
kokyr, *probably* a caulker, or tool for caulking, i. 43.
konnen, to consider, i. 35.
kowenat, ii. 5; **kowd**, ii. 9; **kowyng**, ii. 136; *mis-spellings* for "know not," "knowed," "knowing".
kowged, couched, laid down, *of wine*, i. 157.
koynt, coint, quaint, i. 35.

laten, **latyn**, latten, an alloy similar to brass, i. 146; ii. 141.
latte quercine (*Latin*), oak-laths, i. 44.
ledire pottes, leather pots, ii. 141.
leete, lete, a manor-court, ii. 30, 59.
lemman, leman, *properly* a sweetheart, but sometimes as here used of a wife, i. 97.

lengys, lings, ii. 5.
lenne, to lene, to give, ii. 69.
lenton, Lent, i. 140.
leryd, learned, i. 95.
lese, lease, to lose, ii. 156.
lesue, a leasowe, a meadow, i. 143.
let, to hinder, ii. 126; **lete make**, to have made, ii. 139.
leved, levied, i. 72.
lever, rather, i. 94; ii. 41.
levetry, livery, delivery, ii. 70.
linthiamen (*Latin*), a sheet, i. 43.
lorenchyd, divided into lozenges, i. 146.
lymyt, to limit, to fix, i. 75.
lynnone, linen, i. 146.

maistries, masteries, feats of skill, ii. 150.
Mallsay, Malvesey or Malmsey, wine from Napoli di Malvasia (originally Monemvasia) in the Morea, ii. 90.
manasing, menacing, i. 118; **mauneseth**, i. 56; **manessed**, i. 76.
mash fat, a vat to mash malt in, i. 43.
maugre, in spite of, i. 118.
may, a child, a maid, i. 132.
mayne, **meyny**, **meany**, a company, household, ii. 22, 75, 123.
mazer, a bowl, i. 13.
medley, cloth of mixed material or colour, i. 153; ii. 75.
melner, a miller, ii. 72.
mercement, **mersement**, an amerciament, a fine, ii. 107, 120.
meshyng vat, i. 147, *see* mash fat.
messe, a mess or portion, ii. 31.
mestur, ? need, ii. 37.
metely, fit, ii. 81.
meue, mew, prison, ii. 161.
meyny, *see* mayne.
millward, a mill-keeper, i. 64.
mischef, mischief; "at a mischef," at a disadvantage, ii. 86.
moder, mother, the womb, menstruation or possibly hysteria, ii. 120.
monstrans, a monstrance, a vessel for the host in the sacrament, ii. 10.
month-mynd, *see* mynde.
morte, morter, a kind of wax-candle, ii. 141.
moscalleys, mussels, ii. 73.
moyens, means, i. 116.

mucche, great, important, i. 119.
muldyng-bord, moulding-board, a board for kneading dough on, i. 43.
murrey, purple-red, cloth of that colour, ii. 75.
mycull, mickle, much, i. 36; **mykyll**, ii. 145.
myddell, medium, average, ii. 1.
myryll, *see* mycull.
mynde, the commemoration of the departed; month-mind, a month after death, i. 148; twelve month-mind, at the end of a year, i. 115; used of later commemorations, ii. 67.
mynewte, a minute, a rough draft or memorandum (*earlier than any instance in N.E.D.*), ii. 94.
mynnorres, the Minorities, or house of the Minorities in London, ii. 28.
mysse, regret for absence, i. 156.
mywe, mew, a cage (cf. *meue*), i. 135.

N *appears often by transference from an or myn at the beginning of words as in the instances below.*
named, "well named," well spoken of, i. 124.
namely, especially, ii. 10.
nawger, an awger, *by transference of N from an*, i. 152.
nawnte, aunt, *by transference of N from myn*, i. 95.
nel never, nill never, ne will or will not never, i. 57.
nev, new, i. 132.
nonkill, uncle, *by transference of N from myn*, i. 95.
nonsuyd, non-suited, i. 97.
nossed, noised, rumoured, i. 149.
nounage, nonage, minority, i. 112.
nounce, an ounce, *by transference of N*, i. 110.
nov, now, i. 56.
novelles, news, ii. 149.
novyn ? i. 117.
nowne, own, *by transference of N*, ii. 6.
noyse, noise, report, i. 57.
noysom, noi-ome, unpleasant, ii. 43.
nyne, eyen, eyes, *by transference of N*, ii. 43.

obligacion, a bond, i. 35; ii. 27.
occupie, occupy, to use, to employ, ii. 87; to hold an office, ii. 152.
oeptes, octaves, i. 35.
offis, office, an official inquest, or the finding thereon, i. 105.
okapy, occupy, to use, i. 161.
oones, oonys, once, i. 126.
ooste, host, i. 116.
ought, owed, i. 125.
or, ere, i. 128.
own-gevyn, ungiven, ii. 120; *so also* **owndeserved**, ii. 100, *and* **ownkynd**, ii. 101.
owver-heled, bent or fallen over, ii. 121.

pacche, pack, an agreement or combination, used in a depreciatory sense, ii. 146.
palud, paled, striped, i. 147.
panteria, **panetria** (*Latin*), pantry, i. 31.
parall, parole, ii. 92.
parcenar, partner, i. 68.
parfyte, perfect, i. 126.
partyd, "be partyd," departed, ii. 134.
passellis, parcels, ii. 51.
pauenys, apparently some article of dress, ii. 5.
paunterer, pautner, a wallet, i. 156.
peny, harness of, ? ii. 4.
pewke, puce, ii. 61.
peyne, pain, a penalty, i. 75.
place, pleas, "the Common Place," i. 76.
players, players, mummers, ii. 140.
pleyte, plight, i. 95.
plowellys, ploughs, i. 101.
podryd, *see* powdryd.
poke, of wool, to put in pokes, ii. 22.
poket, a half poke of wool, ii. 5.
poldelyon, ? *peau de lion*, some kind of trimming, ii. 75.
polen, pullen, poultry.
polle, a head, i. 54.
polt, *perhaps an abbreviation for "pouter," meaning the poulterer*, ii. 6; *but the abbreviation mark is not clear.*
pooke, a poke of wool, 20 cwt., ii. 5.
porours, porters, ii. 5.
portews, a portas, a breviary, i. 146.
possenet, a posnet, a little pot, i. 147.

- possid**, to poss, to toss, used specially of waves, i. 126.
- post a loyne**, post alone, quite alone, ii. 69.
- pouttys**, pots (?), or *perhaps* pouts, a kind of fish, i. 110.
- powdyrd lampres**, lampreys sprinkled with salt or spice to preserve them, ii. 3; cf. **podryd wytyng**, i. 49.
- power**, poor, ii. 117.
- poyntid**, appointed, ii. 11.
- poyntment**, appointment, agreement, ii. 71.
- prese**, press, a position of difficulty, trouble, ii. 161.
- presedent**, precedent, ii. 145.
- prige** (*Latin*), sprigs or tiling nails, i. 44.
- proposture**, purpresture, an encroachment, i. 54.
- pulters**, poulters, chicken, i. 144.
- quayntens**, a quayntens, acquaintance, ii. 135.
- quarteron**, quarter, ii. 67.
- quenys gold**, a tenth on certain fines payable to the queen, i. 87.
- querne**, a handmill, ii. 5.
- quinzisme**, quinzain, a period of fifteen days, i. 35.
- quity**, fully, completely, ii. 112.
- quytans**, a quytans, acquittance, i. 65.
- qwher**, **qwether**, where, whether, ii. 35.
- rapport**, report, talk, ii. 82.
- ravyshment**, ravishment, the taking away of a ward, ii. 143.
- ray**, striped cloth, i. 28.
- Rayns**, fine linen made at Rennes, i. 146.
- reconysaunce**, recognisance, ii. 154.
- reddicion**, a judicial acknowledgment that the land in demand belongs to the demandant, ii. 146.
- referser**, reverser, ii. 158.
- regardum** (*Latin*), a reward, i. 120.
- regratyd**, to regrate, to buy up and sell at a profit, ii. 59.
- repreve**, to reprove, to find fault with, i. 68.
- rerage**, arrears, ii. 154.
- ryeryd**, levied, of a fine, i. 58.
- rew**, "a rewe" ? on a row, i. 78.
- reybbeys**, rabbits, young as distinguished from full-grown or conies, ii. 17.
- rigguous**, rigorous, ii. 23.
- rogette**, a roach, i. 49.
- rome**, room, place or office, ii. 111.
- Romney**, Rumney, wine from Romania, i. e. Greek, ii. 46.
- ron**, run, i. 62.
- rowmythe**, room, place, ii. 144.
- rusys**, rushes, ii. 5.
- ryall**, a rial, a gold coin worth 10s., first coined in 1465, i. 98.
- ryd**, to rid, to clear up, i. 96.
- ryggynge**, fitting, ii. 69.
- sacred**, married, ii. 147.
- sacryngbelle**, the small bell rung at mass, i. 146.
- sad**, sober, i. 144; discreet, i. 62.
- sadness**, sobriety, discretion, ii. 82.
- salet**, a sallet, a light head-piece, i. 147.
- sanap**, ? sinapi, mustard, i. 14.
- sanguyn**, red, i. 28.
- sarpler**, a sack of wool containing 80 tods = 20 cwt., ii. 1.
- sarsnet**, sarcenet, a very fine and soft silk, i. 146.
- sattes**, settes, slips or suckers, ii. 141.
- saunders**, a shortened form of alexanders or alisaunders, the horse-parsley, which was eaten like celery, i. 144.
- sawter**, a psalter, i. 164.
- say**, a fine cloth, like serge, i. 147.
- scantlyn**, a scantling, a specimen, ii. 3.
- schamely**, shamely, shamefully, ii. 16.
- schankys**, shanks, fur from the leg of animals, ii. 186.
- schanon**, chanon, a canon, ii. 37.
- schepens**, shippen, a cow-house, i. 43.
- scherve**, sheriff, ii. 134.
- schevyshe**, to chevish, to provide, ii. 117.
- schoyn**, shoon, shoes, ii. 167.
- scrowe**, a scroll, i. 42.
- sege**, a seat, i. 57.
- semblable**, similar, i. 94.
- sengnett**, cygnet, ii. 73.
- senyte**, **sevenyth**, sennight, a week, i. 132; ii. 98.
- sesen**, to take seisin, i. 132.
- seth**, since, i. 115.
- setters**, some kind of large birds, ii. 73.

- sew**, to seethe, to boil; **sode**, boiled, i. 143.
- sewtey**, *perhaps* sexton, ii. 135.
- sharp**, harsh, hard, i. 68.
- sheryfe**, to shrive, i. 158.
- shrewde**, naughty, unsatisfactory, ii. 8.
- shyrman**, a sheerman, one who shears cloth, i. 63.
- sithen**, **syth**, since, i. 76; ii. 66.
- skese**, "a-skese," excuse, ii. 133.
- skevisith**, skewseth, excuses, ii. 15.
- skylsyng-stole**, scolding-stool, ii. 179.
- sondage**, sandage, dues for sand, i. 131.
- sotell**, subtle, ii. 113.
- souter**, a cobbler, i. 76.
- spetill**, spittle, an almshouse, ii. 51; **spyttyll**, hospital, ii. 154.
- spryng**, saplings, ii. 141.
- spryngell**, a sprinkler for holy-water, i. 146.
- srevyn**, shriven, ii. 49.
- stall**, stock, ii. 155.
- standderds**, permanent or necessary furniture of a house, i. 146; a chest, ii. 141.
- stelyng**, steeling, sharpening (Berkshire dialect), i. 152.
- steynour**, a painter, i. 64.
- steynud**, stained, ornamented with pictures or designs in colour, i. 146.
- stomake**, "utmost of my stomake," my most inmost thoughts, ii. 34.
- stont**, stands, ii. 120.
- strayn**, to distrain, **straynment**, distraint, ii. 39.
- struyng**, *probably meant for* striving, ii. 129.
- stryyd**, destroyed, ii. 141.
- styffew**, *used of the feathering of arrows, but the exact meaning is obscure*, i. 103.
- styll**, settle, i. 161.
- surcese**, surcease, surrender, ii. 154.
- sute**, suit, dues for suit and service, i. 131.
- sy**, saw, i. 58; ii. 88.
- syngyng brede** and **syngyng wyne**, bread and wine for the celebration of mass, i. 143.
- synnes**, since, ii. 101.
- tane**, tawney, [q.v.], i. 28.
- tartarne**, tartarin, a kind of silk, probably imported from China through Tartary, i. 146.
- tawney**, cloth of that colour, ii. 149.
- taylend**, the conclusion of an entail, i. 104.
- tayne**, taken, ii. 159.
- tedyngman**, tithing-man, parish constable, ii. 135.
- tendre**, to tender, to have regard for, i. 116; **tendur**, ii. 115.
- tendyor**, tenor, ii. 154.
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- terement**, enternment, *used here of a memorial service*, ii. 10.
- testur**, **tester** and **seler** (or **celer**), properly mean the head-frame and canopy of a bed; here they are used of the frame and canopy of the Sepulchre for the reserved Sacrament, i. 146.
- teune**, the one, i. 156.
- theefly**, like a thief, i. 57.
- thourbage**, ? ii. 73.
- thourbout**, turbot, ii. 73.
- thress**, threshing, i. 68.
- throssars**, threshers, i. 152.
- thurst**, thirst, i. 77.
- thyf**, if, i. 60.
- tok**, a tucker, a fuller of cloth, i. 64.
- torteyce**, tortis, a very large candle, usually as here distinguished from "torch," ii. 141.
- tree**, **treen**, wooden, i. 146, 147.
- tresauns**, a passage in a house, i. 43.
- trestell**, trestles, i. 43.
- trowes**, troughs, i. 43.
- turnsole**, a violet-blue colouring matter from the plant of that name, used for colouring jellies and confectionery, i. 144.
- twest**, a fastening for a door, i. 31; cf. **twystys-hokys**, ii. 179.
- tynchys**, tenches, ii. 12.
- tynone**, made of tin, i. 147.
- tyryngys**, tidings, i. 156.
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umpull, umple, a linen material, cf. "Paris thred, coton and umple" (*London Lickpenny*), i. 146.

undertake, of a physician, to ensure a cure, ii. 88, 100.

unese, uneasiness, trouble, i. 68.

unneth, hardly, i. 58.

vannyng, winnowing with a fan, i. 151.

vanone, fanone, a maniple, i. 116.

veoffees, feoffees, ii. 25.

verceuse, verjuice, ii. 14.

vicountelles, sums regularly payable by a sheriff to the Crown and charged against him in the Exchequer, i. 72.

visnetum (*Latin*), neighbourhood, i. 9.

vode, wood, ii. 141.

vovtys, vowtes, a dish in cookery (*HALLIWELL*), i. 144.

voydens, voidance, i. 114.

warde, award, ii. 27.

wawes, waves, i. 126.

wayters, watchmen, i. 134.

werre, war, ii. 111.

wete, to wit, to know, i. 42.

weyor, weigher, ii. 5.

white, or "white-backed," of a writ, not endorsed, i. 87.

wras, worse, i. 156.

wrethe, a writ, ii. 134.

wronge towellys, wrung, as distinguished from plain, i. 155.

wrythe, obscure, perhaps a mis-spelling

by the scribe, the meaning is clearly divide, ii. 16.

wrytyng, a writing, a deed, ii. 83.

wyryth, ? worketh, ii. 29.

wytty, skilful, careful, i. 62; wise, ii. 130.

wytyng, wyte, to depart, a sone wytyng = a quick going, i. 97.

wytys, wytes, **ale-wytys**, ale fines, i. 130.

y, intensive prefix, **y-bofte**, bought, i. 78;

y-koweryn, covered, i. 77.

ych, each, i. 124.

yed, went, i. 68.

yefe, geve, give; **yeft**, given, i. 146.

Yeld-Hall, Guildhall, ii. 117.

yenne, even, ii. 72.

yettes, gets, i. 158.

yeve, eve, i. 151.

ynfeyt, enfeoffed, ii. 131.

yold, old, i. 32.

zingibe, ginger, i. 14.

3e, **3ow**, **3our**, ye, you, your, *passim*.

3eel vatte, ? eel-tub, i. 147.

3effe, gave, i. 70.

3eman, yeoman, i. 32.

3end, end, i. 147.

3erde, yard, i. 153.

3ff, if, i. 52.

3ong, young, i. 114.

3ore, your, i. 35.

3ulde, yielded, i. 32.

3ut, **3ytt**, yet, i. 32; ii. 159.

LATIN LEGAL TERMS

- capias*, i. 87. A writ to the Sheriff to take the defendant in a suit and make him answer the plaintiff.
- devenerunt*, ii. 158. A writ to the Escheator on the death of a tenant in chief under age, to inquire what lands by the death of the tenant came to the King.
- diem clausit extremum*, i. 93, ii. 118. A writ to the Escheator on the death of a tenant in chief to inquire of what lands he died seised and who was his heir.
- exigent*, i. 61, 98. A writ where the defendant in an action cannot be found, nor any thing of his within the county to be distrained, to direct the Sheriff to call him at five County-court days to appear on pain of outlawry. It was a final effort to ensure attendance after the *pluries capias* had failed.
- habere facias sesinam*, ii. 146. A writ to the Sheriff to give seisin of a freehold estate recovered in the King's Court.
- latitat*, ii. 186. A writ whereby anyone is called to answer in a personal action in the King's Bench, when presumed to be in hiding.
- mandamus*, ii. 158. A writ which lay after a year and a day, where in the meantime the writ of *diem clausit extremum* had not been sent to the Escheator, for the same purpose for which that writ should have been sent.
- quare impedit*, i. 35. A writ against a person who disturbs a patron in his right of presentation to a benefice.
- replegiare*, ii. 157. A writ to the Sheriff to deliver back to a person his cattle seized by way of distress, on surety given to the Sheriff to prosecute an action at law as to the lawfulness of the distress.
- sub pena* (suppena), i. 74. A writ to appear in Chancery.
- supersedeas*, ii. 139. A writ to stay proceedings.
- supplicavit*, i. 73, 76, 80. A writ out of Chancery for taking security of the Peace, when one person is in danger of another, directed to the Justices of Peace or the Sheriff.
- tes'atum capias*, i. 121. A writ where a person cannot be found on a *Capias* in the county where the action is laid. Sent out to any other county where he is thought to have wherewith to satisfy. So called because the Sheriff has testified that the defendant was not to be found.
- traverse*, ii. 106. The denying of some allegation in a declaration or pleading, so that there may be a good issue for the case.
- venire facias*, i. 82. A writ to the Sheriff to summon a jury.
- venditioni exponas*, i. 87. A writ to the Sheriff commanding him to sell goods, which he had taken into his hands, for satisfaction of a judgment.

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