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PREFACE.

The Register of Bishop Cantilupe had been already transcribed, as a labour of love, by the Rev. R. G. Griffiths, before there was any definite scheme of publication. In the accomplishment of this work he wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the great assistance which he has received from Prebendary Hingeston-Randolph, the Editor of the Exeter Registers, to whom he is indebted for his ability to decipher many obscure and difficult portions of the Register, and to whose mature experience the accuracy of the text is due.

The Index is also the work of the Transcriber.

The transcript reproduces the original text with the irregularities and variations of spelling which are especially frequent in case of the personal and local names. These are printed as they stand without any mark to call attention to the inconsistencies of usage. The Register is ill-arranged and some copies of earlier documents are stitched between the pages. Towards the end of it the writing is often indistinct and portions of the text have been torn off or worn away.

It was thought that most readers would prefer to have the modern forms of place-names given in the English abstracts, where they could be ascertained, but this has been done at the cost, to some extent, of uniformity of style, and the risk of possible error due to the lack of familiar acquaintance with a diocese whose boundaries have been shifted in the course of time.

The Editor has to thank Viscount Dillon, who has kindly explained some obscure terms in a passage dealing with Medieval armour, and several friends who have given help in determining such references as required full local knowledge.

Notes have been added with a very sparing hand, as it was not desirable to increase the bulk of the work.

ERRATA.

Page	49.	Line	6,	read	"Much"	for	"Great."
,,	67.	,,	19,	,,	"at"	,,	"of."
,,	71.	,,	29,	,,	"preceptum"	,,	"perceptum."
,,	99.	,,	2 & 3,	,,	"Wichford"	,,	"Wichenford."
,,	116.	,,	20,	,,	"1277"	,,	"1276."
,,	120.	,,	20,	,,	"Domini"	,,	"Dominie."
,,	138.	,,	9,	,,	"Reginald"	,,	"William."
,,	141.	,,	30,	insert	"1276"	after	"April 25."
,,	142.	,,	18,	,,	"1278"	,,	"May 7."
,,	153.	,,	4,	omit	"and his seneschal."		

Registrum Thome de Cantilupo, Episcopi Herefordensis, A.D., 1275-1282.

f. 1. **REGISTRUM DE SPIRITUALIBUS ANNO DOMINI M°CC°LXX° QUINTO.**

July 10, 1275.—The custody of the Church of Brampton Bryan is committed to Robert de Lacy, acolyte, presented by the Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England. Mandate to the Bishop's Official to induct him.

Bramptone Brian.—Vj Idus Julii, anno Domini M°CC°LXX° quinto, commorans apud Bradewelle, commisit Dominus Thomas Electus Herefordensis Roberto de Lacy, acolito, presentato per fratrem Josep[1] de Cauncy, tunc Priorem Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Anglia, custodiam[2] ecclesie de Bramptone Brian usque ad Festum Sancti Michaelis proximo sequens; et mandavit Officiali suo, magistro Luce de Bre, quod eum faciat induci in possessionem ejusdem nomine custodie per eum ad quem ea res pertinet. Datum apud Bra[d]welle, vj Idus Julii.

July 10.—Letters dimissory granted to Robert de Lacy, acolyte, that he may be ordained subdeacon by any Bishop of the Province of Canterbury.

Thomas, miseracione divina Electus Herefordensis, dilecto sibi in Christo Roberto de Lacy, acolito, salutem in salutis auctore. Tuis supplicacionibus inclinati ut a quocumque Episcopo Provincie Cantuariensis te ordinare volente ordinem subdiaconatus recipere valeas, et in suscepto ordine ministrare, tibi tenore presencium indulgemus. Datum apud Bradewelle, vj Idus Julii, anno Domini M°CC°LXX° quinto.

July 16.—The Elect commends to the Chapter Henry Fitz Waryn, appointed by the King, during the vacancy of the See, to the office of Penitentiary of the Cathedral.

Hereforde.—Viris venerabilibus et discretis fratribus suis et amicis in Christo carissimis dominis, Capitulo Herefordensi, Thomas, etc., salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Cum Dominus noster E[wardus], Rex Anglie illustris, credens penitenciariam Ec-

1—Josep and Jerusalem have here no case-endings, cf Ann. de Dunst. p. 258 (Rolls).
2—The *custodia* of a Church, or *commenda*, had been lately limited to six months by the Second Council of Lyons.

clesie nostre Herefordensis ad suam collacionem, sede vacante, spectare, eandem domino Henrico filio Garini, sede vacante, contulerit; nos volentes Regie dignitati deferre et attendentes quod vobis aut nobis seu Ecclesie nostre multum in hoc vel in aliis vult per eum prejudicium generari, equanimiter toleramus et tanquam frater vester et concanonicus consulimus et rogamus quatinus dictum Henricum ut extunc ad officium Penitenciarii admittatis in forma qua prefectos per Episcopos Herefordenses pro tempore ad idem officium admittere solebatis. Valeatis in Domino Christo. Datum apud Wyndesore, xvij Kalendas Augusti, anno predicto.

July 18.—The Elect deplores the scandals and animosities caused by the two rival claimants to the Deanery, each of whom has appointed a Subdean; he begs the Chapter to use its influence with them that he may not have to resort to stringent measures.

Hereforde.—Capitulo Herefordensi salutem. Quanti dolores, quot angustie, que tormenta nostra interiora conturbent nec vobis lingua disserere nec per scripturam possumus explanare. Ecce enim, dum in pace credidimus existere locum nostrum, lites nobis enormes, scandala plurima, et contenciones multifarie sunt in promptu. Et a quibus deceret in civitate fontem justicie scaturire, ex illis, ut dicitur, insurgunt jurgia et nascitur occasio delictorum. Sicut enim nobis nuper fideli fuit, ut credimus, relacione suggestum, sub venerabilibus fratribus illis duobus qui videlicet super Decanatu contendunt, membra civitatis nostre nutare cernuntur, dum duo[1] capita se habere conspiciunt, qui ambo nostros subditos excommunicant et suspendunt, immo pocius omni qua possunt confusione confundunt, et uterque eorum sibi fecit, contra antiquas Ecclesie
Fol. 1b. consuetudines, subdecanum.[2] Ex quibus timeri possunt perjuria, animarum pericula, et poterit successu temporis fides periclitari, et dabitur semper major ac major malignis materia delinquendi. Quocirca fraternitatem vestram attente requirimus et rogamus quatinus predictos duos taliter contendentes et procuratores ipsorum vice nostra moneatis et efficaciter inducatis ut arma non moveant, nec per suos moveri permittant, nec pacem Ecclesie ullo modo perturbent, vel aliquid faciant per quod periculum corporum aut eciam animarum valeat iminere, set de consilio amicorum aliquam formam

1—The two rival claimants were John de Aquablanca and Giles de Avenbury; *v.* Introduction.

2—No Subdean is recognised in the Constitution of the Chapter, but the delegate of the Dean in his local jurisdiction, though not a member of the Chapter, was styled Subdean in ancient documents.